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Wool levy stays the same

Woolgrowers have voted to keep the wool levy at two per cent.

32 per cent of growers voted, and of that, over 65 per cent voted to keep the status quo.

Chairman of Australian Wool Innovation Wal Merriman was pleased with both the voter turnout and the result.

He says it gives the AWI board a green light to continue its wool marketing spending program.

"Well we always want more money for marketing, but this endorses the company policy for 70 per cent for marketing and 30 per cent on farm."

Asked whether enough money was being spent on tackling alternatives to mulesing he said the board received an endorsement to pursue research.

"The money for flystrike prevention has increased. Our wool board has prioritised on farm prevention, wild dog research, lice and shearer training."

In this report: AWI Chairman Wal Merriman

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