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Wool fifty per cent carbon

Wool is 50 per cent carbon.

That's according to the newly formed Wool Carbon Alliance, a group of Australian and International wool groups, including Australian Wool Innovation who are trying to promote wool as the ideal fibre to reduce global warming.

Dr Paul Swan is a textile scientist and used to run AWI's on farm research.

He now has a wool textile consultancy.

He says going back through old research shows wool is fifty per cent carbon, compared with cotton at forty per cent. Synthetic fibres are more like 70-80 per cent, but as they're oil based, they're bad for the environment.

In this report: Dr Paul Swan, textile scientist

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