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Praise for Dr Sheil

I have been closely following the career of Dr Meredith Sheil, since she was elected to the AWI board. Besides being a well renowned children's surgeon, she is a passionate advocate of the wool industry, and a dedicated fine wool grower.

Meredith's brave stance on supporting woolgrowers' rights to continue the necessary practice of surgical mulesing gave many woolgrowers confidence that common sense and professionalism had once again returned to the leadership of AWI.

It is for the future that we recognize and promote our brightest talents in every sphere of our wool industry. We look at what the board has achieved in three years. Compare the market for wool today with that of the market three years ago. While you can't put it down to one event, it must be acknowledged that the strength of the AWI board has assisted in the market confidence growing. Leadership qualities of strength and resilience as displayed by the likes of Meredith Sheil assist us in continuing to develop, promote and advocate stability in our product once again.

I feel that for too long our industry lost its focus and this led to our stagnation as an industry.

We have the best natural fiber on the planet, and with strong leadership we can channel AWI's scarce resources in the most efficient manner.

I believe Meredith Sheil warrants our congratulations with the board achievements in recent years and continued support into a future, achieving stability and growth within our wonderful industry.

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