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## WoolProducers backs CRC bid

### **WOOLPRODUCERS Australia has pledged \$750K for the extension of the Co-operative Research Centre for Sheep Industry Innovation.**

With the five-year extension bid of the Sheep CRC due to be lodged by the end of the month, WoolProducers believe the research work undertaken by the CRC is "crucial".

WoolProducers chief executive Jane Brownbill denied the pledge was a reaction to Australian Wool Innovation not supporting the extension bid, but the group has previously voiced its disappointment over that decision.

"The board believes the outcomes for the program are important for the wool industry and we want to support it," Ms Brownbill said.

The funding from WoolProducers is pledged for the Sheep CRC's Program 1: Enhanced monitoring systems for wellbeing and productivity, which seeks to improve animal wellbeing through research into sheep health and welfare and productivity.

If the Sheep CRC extension bid is successful the funds will be paid in annual instalments of \$150,000 and will be accessed from wool industry reserves held by Animal Health Australia.

The Government will announce which CRC funding bids are successful in December.

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