## THE AUSTRALIAN WOOL SUPPLY CHAIN





60,000 WOOLGROWERS

**68 MILLION** SHEEP

1.6 MILLION

**BALES SOLD AT AUCTION** IN 2018/19

**AU \$4.16 BILLION** 

CONTRIBUTION TO AUSTRALIAN **EXPORTS IN 2018/19** 

98%

OF WOOL IS **EXPORTED** 

AUSTRALIA **PRODUCES** 

81%

OF THE WORLD'S SUPERFINE WOOL (<18.5 MICRONS)

**76**% OF WOOL IS EXPORTED TO CHINA





Australian

woolarowers

have been

investing in

promotion

since 1936



Australia produced 300 MILLION KG of shorn greasy wool in 2018/19

The average micron of Australia's clip is 20.9 microns **BROAD SUPERFINE** 22% (<18.5µm) 27% **MEDIUM** (20.6- 22.5µm) wool R&D and FINE MICRON BREAKDOWN OF AUSTRALIAN CLIP

Different products use different microns of wool:



JUMPER/ **SWEATER** 17.5-21 microns



SUIT <18.5 microns



**T-SHIRT** <18.5-19.5 microns



**SOCKS** 19.5-21 microns



**SHOES** 19.5-21 microns

AVERAGE MICRON RANGE

Wool as a luxury fibre makes up only **1.2%** of the global apparel market by volume, but 8% by value

The Woolmark logo is one of the most recognised logos globally



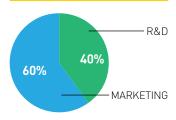
Australian wool is grown in vastly different conditions to Europe or the USA. Australian sheep graze free-range in climates varying from cold alpine, high-rainfall areas to hot, dry pastoral zones



## AWI: INVESTING IN R&D AND MARKETING TO INCREASE WOOLGROWER PROFITABILITY

Most of AWI's income comes from Australian woolgrowers,

with 20% from the Federal Government, and 7% from the sale of Woolmark licences



AWI invests in a **60:40** ratio between **Marketing** and **R&D** 



students from Australia, Hong Kong, Italy and the UK have participated in the Wool4School design competition

MWOOL4SCHOOL

More than **100.000** 



Investment in the world's biggest 10-year sheep research trial – Merino Lifetime Productivity (MLP) – collecting detailed data on 5500 ewes from 5 sites across Australia, measuring all aspects of the ewe's lifetime performance to assist growers to improve breeding ewe productivity



More than 1500 students took part

Innovative sportswear product developments including more curable yarns, wind and water resistant fabrics and compression wear in the Woolmark Performance Challenge – using Australian Merino wool to develop innovative sports and performance wear

IN 2018-19 AWI INVESTED

## **AU \$100 MILLION**

IN R&D AND
MARKETING THAT
BENEFITS AUSTRALIAN
WOOLGROWERS

AWI's six state-based woolgrower networks support 13,000 wool producers with the latest production research and best practice



194 community
wild dog groups
supported, with
52% of participants
intending to increase
wool production

More than 16,000 shearers and wool handlers have been trained in the past four years



The International Woolmark Prize has an alumni of 425 designers worldwide

2001 to June 2019, AWI has spent AU \$40m on Flystrike RD&E and AU \$74.5m on all Animal Health and Welfare RD&E





Lifetime Ewe Management (LTEM) has **helped nearly 4000 woolgrowers** lift the reproductive performance of their Merino ewes