

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Issued by the authority of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Wool Services Privatisation Act 2000

Subsection 30(1) of the *Wool Services Privatisation Act 2000* (the Act) provides that the Minister may declare a body as the 'research body' for certain purposes of the Act. Under subsection 31(1) of the Act, the Commonwealth may enter into a funding contract with a declared research body. A funding contract enables the research body to receive wool grower levies and matching Commonwealth funding to invest in research and development and promotion activities on behalf of the Australian wool industry.

OUTLINE

The purpose of the declaration is to declare Australian Wool Innovation Limited (AWI) to be the research body under subsection 30(1) of the Act.

AWI was originally declared as the research body under subsection 30(1) of the Act on 19 December 2000. As a result of an administrative error, the declaration was deemed to be repealed on 1 October 2006 according to the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

This declaration seeks to rectify that administrative error.

CONSULTATION

No consultation was considered necessary in the drafting of this declaration.

IMPACT/EFFECT

There will be no change to circumstances for the industry resulting from this declaration. AWI was originally declared as the research body on 19 December 2000. The earlier declaration was repealed by default under the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* only due to an administrative error.

AWI has continued to meet all its responsibilities under a contract with the Government to receive funding and provide research and development services to Industry, on the basis that AWI remains the declared research body.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) has advised that a Regulation Impact Statement is not required for this legislative instrument; the OBPR ID number for this matter is 9554.

RETROSPECTIVENESS

The declaration has retrospective effect from 1 October 2006. The declaration is not considered to disadvantage any person or impose any liability in respect of anything done (or omitted to be done) before the date of registration of the

declaration. Accordingly, its retrospectivity is not considered to be precluded by subsection 12(2) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.