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Executive Council of the Association informed of recent developments regarding Mulesing

The Executive Council of the NSW Farmers' Association has resolved that the Association will write to the Sheep and Wool Industry Taskforce suggesting the immediate cessation of surgical mulesing may provide a way forward.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says the Association will also demand the necessary funds are immediately made available to further promote the phase out.

"As a matter of extreme urgency, merino producers and other industry participants must be fully briefed in the same terms as was the Executive Councillors on Wednesday by the Chair of WoolProducers Australia, Don Hamblin, in relation to the developments regarding market policy of the 60 companies' positions on the purchase of Australian wool and of any other information with inherent market implications," Mr Laurie said.

"Executive Council has also called for action to be taken to ensure there is an adequate supply of clips and other technical aids to substantially increase protection from breech strike," he said.

"We want to see an increase in research and development of cost effective new technologies to reduce incidence of, and increase protection from breech strike.

"All of these actions should also be combined with a positive promotion of Australia's sheep husbandry practices.

"We want to see Australia recognised for best practice in sheep husbandry so that our exports can be celebrated around the world for their excellence on all fronts," Mr Laurie concluded.

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