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AWI board results welcomed

The NSW Farmers' Association Wool Committee congratulates Dr Kevin Bell, Mr Roger Fletcher and Mr Charles Olsson on their election as directors of the Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) board.

The elections were held during AWI's annual general meeting this week. Mr Robert Pietsch, Mr Peter Sykes and Mr Hugh Nivison also stood for the board.

NSW Farmers' Association Wool Committee Chair Alix Turner says the Association's Wool Committee looks forward to working with the successful candidates in the future to ensure a profitable industry for all producers.

"The Committee is keen to see the new directors strongly support both AWI's product marketing agenda and the equally important agenda for the efficient and ethical production of wool in Australia," Mr Turner said.

AWI is the research and development company for the wool industry, which is funded by producers paying a 2% levy on fresh wool sold and a 0.5% matching funds contribution from the Federal Government. Producers get one vote for every \$100 of levies paid over the past three years.

"We will continue to monitor all aspects of AWI's activities to ensure producers levy funds are being used in a way that is benefiting Australian wool producers," Mr Turner concluded.

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Fast fact: In most cases less than a third, of what a consumer pays for fruit and vegetables at the supermarket goes back to the farmers that grew that produce, the rest goes to the 'middle men'