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**Subject: Response to questions taken on notice and supplementary questions – Inquiry into the impact of the phase-out of Australian live sheep exports by sea on NSW.**

NSW Farmers thanks the Regional NSW Committee of the Legislative Council for the opportunity to appear before the inquiry into the impact of the phase-out of live sheep exports from Australia on NSW. This letter provides responses to questions taken on notice at the hearing, and to supplementary questions.

**Questions taken on notice:**

**The Hon. Emma Hurst: You mention one external group, ALEC sheep exporters... can you provide who else you ran that through?**

NSW Farmers consulted with our internal Advisory Member Committees and Executive Council; and the following external stakeholders when preparing the submission and testing the modelling assumptions made within it:

- Australian Livestock Exporters Council (ALEC)
- Sheep Producers Australia (SPA)
- Wool Producers Australia (WPA)

**The Hon. Greg Donnelly: ... In terms of understanding the interconnection between... movements of wool, and export for meat, is there a relatively easy way of understanding how those two interlock?**

The wool and sheepmeat industries are highly interrelated. With respect to sheep destined for export markets, those breeds are generally used for wool production in Australia, and are shorn several times before being marketed overseas. The sheepmeat export market therefore supports a shearing workforce in WA which is part of the wider national shearing workforce, which is substantially itinerant, and interacts with the NSW shearer workforce.