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First meeting of the new Cotton Australia

In February, member representatives from all cotton growing valleys in New South Wales and Queensland attended the first General Meeting of the newly merged Cotton Australia.

The Federal Government's "Water for the Future" buyback program was a key topic at the meeting,

and member representatives discussed the implications of this program on the cotton industry. Cotton Australia Chair, Joanne Grainger and CEO Adam Kay met with Senator Penny Wong, Minister for Climate Change and Water, to put forward the cotton industry's concerns and ideas about the buyback scheme.

In addition, Cotton Australia staff presented a detailed report on phenoxy herbicides and highlighted the campaign undertaken by Cotton Australia to increase awareness of the damage caused by spray drift, and how this problem can be avoided.

Panel members

The four member panels of Human Capacity, Biosecurity, Farming Systems and Value Chain also provided feedback to the Cotton Research and Development Corporation (CRDC) on upcoming research proposals, and all member representatives assisted in prioritising key areas of the Cotton Australia strategic plan.

"We are very pleased with how the meeting went, and greatly value the input that growers and other industry members have had as Cotton Australia moves forward," Adam said.



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