



SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE Final Report

Part 1 - Summary Details

Cotton Catchment Communities CRC Project Number:

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Part 3 - Travel Report

The points below are to be used as a guideline when completing your final report.

1. What were the:

a) Major findings, outcomes and highlights.

The paper presented a comparative analysis of international carbon footprint calculators for cotton and there was considerable interest in the topic. A new international cotton research centre was launched and a common methodology for carbon footprinting was one of the main projects identified to launch the initiative.

The conference took place over 5 days and considerable insight was gained on the current state of research in the cotton industry as a whole and a number of very good contacts were made which will assist me with my research and I therefore trust will benefit the cotton industry in Australia as well.

2. Detail the persons and institutions visited, giving full title, position details, location, duration of visit and purpose of visit to these people/places.

Only attended conference

3. Are there any potential areas worth following up as a result of the travel with any relevance or possible impact on the Australian Cotton Industry?

From the perspective of my focus area, it is important for the Australian cotton industry to participate in this new research centre as it may have a profound impact on how the sustainability levels of cotton will be judged globally in the future, amongst other issues. It was also important to note that Cotton Inc. from the USA is very active in the market development and branding of US cotton, in particular with China and the major brand owners, which does not appear to be the case with Australia.

3. How do you intend to share the knowledge you have gained with other people in the cotton industry?

I will be very happy to share the knowledge gained with the industry and will enquire how best this can be done.

5. Executive summary. Provide a one paragraph summary of the scientific exchange, suitable for posting on the Cotton CRC web site.

A major outcome of the conference was the establishment of a new international cotton research centre. The development of a global common methodology for carbon footprinting was identified as one of the suitable projects for the launch of the initiative. It is important for the Australian cotton industry to participate in this new research initiative as it may have a profound impact on how the sustainability levels of cotton will be judged globally in the future.