

Part 3 – Travel Report

(Maximum two pages)

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1. A brief description of the purpose of the travel.

To further enhance my knowledge and understanding of the cotton industry post the farm gate through studying and networking with other industry participants.

2. What were the:

a) Highlights-

- i. Ease of manufacturing synthetic fibres and low cost of production
- ii. Classing – the issues revolving around micronaire from a grower perspective
- iii. myBMP benefits

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

Presenter	Organisation	Duration	Purpose
Rene van der Sluijs	CSIRO	4hrs	Cotton Global Perspectives, Yarn manufacturing, opening, carding, drawing, combing, winding & twisting
Dr Geoff Naylor	CSIRO	1hr	Fibre Properties
Robert Eveleigh	CSD	1hr	Variety Selection
Dr Mike Bange	CSIRO	1hr	Agronomy
Geoff Dunlop	Consultant	2hrs	Harvesting & Ginning
Greg Parle	CCAA	1hr	Classing
Phil Ryan	ACSA	1hr	Marketing
Martin Prins	Consultant	2hrs	Fabric formation & quality assurance
Frank Dean	CSIRO	1hr	Dyeing & Finishing

4. a) Are there any potential areas worth following up as a result of the travel? – Look at more niche cotton varieties for the dryer going areas and potential quality and price benefits that are available.

b) Any relevance or possible impact on the Australian Cotton Industry? – Highlighted the importance as a grower to have external classing done on your cotton.

5. How do you intend to share the knowledge you have gained with other people in the cotton industry? Through the number of trials conducted on the family farm and through our agronomist I will seek to educate other growers on the potential benefits that are available throughout the whole cotton production chain.

6. Please list expenditure incurred.