

Stakeholder Consultation Plan

Priority Setting Workshop feedback report

As part of CRDC's Stakeholder Consultation Plan, CRDC has committed to publishing an annual report on how advice received via CRDC's priority setting workshop (held annually with Cotton Australia and the cotton industry's research advisory panels in May/June) was incorporated into successful project proposals.

2025–26 R&D priorities

The 2025–26 priorities forum, held in June 2024, identified a range of broad areas of focus for future RD&E investment. These were incorporated into the development of the investment plans for CRDC's Strategic RD&E Plan, Clever Cotton, and its strategic RD&E priorities.

These key areas included:

- The management of disease and the impact of disease on productivity and profitability.
- The better use and integration of data collected on-farm to support decision-making and on-farm management.
- The management of pests and a reduction in the reliance of the industry on pesticides to control and manage key pests.
- The management of water, including automation, optimisation, improved scheduling technologies, and strategies to reduce evaporation from storages.
- The calculation of carbon emissions from cotton production and how to transition to a low carbon farming system, including the standardisation of carbon accounting and measurement.
- The measurement and management of biodiversity, including habitat provision in riparian areas and weed management in remnant vegetation.
- Capacity, and the challenges associated with attracting and retaining staff.
- Timely and targeted linkages between researchers and research findings and grower communities to ensure growers have access to the latest innovations and research.

Through Clever Cotton and the 2025–26 investment plans, CRDC is investing in projects to address these key needs.

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