



Australian Government
**Cotton Research and
Development Corporation**

TRAVEL & CONFERENCE REPORT

Part 1 - Summary Details

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CRDC Project Number:

Project Title: Cotton Field to Farbric

Project Commencement Date: 21 July 2009 **Project**
Completion Date: 23 July 2009

Research Program: - Please Select One -

Part 2 – Contact Details

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Part 3 – Travel Report

(Maximum two pages)

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

To do the Field to Fabric Course.

2. What were the:

a) **major findings and outcomes;** The course offered a very comprehensive education of what happens to the fibre we produce once it leaves the field (as well as reiterating the control we as growers have over the fibre we produce.. It will allow us to look closer at how we grow our fibre, then how we treat our fibre through the ginning and picking processes. It has also broadened our knowledge of the marketing, spinning, fabric formation processes, and the finished products.

b) **other highlights;** To see combined government and grower funding helping to improve and develop our textile industry was brilliant. It was very encouraging seeing this research done in Australia, when so much of our processing is done overseas. The most surprising information was how exposed the spinners are to the risk of contamination, and how detrimental it can be to their business. We were all fascinated in the fabric formation module of the course.

3. Detail the persons and institutions visited, giving full title, position details, location, duration of visit and purpose of visit to these people/places. (NB:- Please provide full names of institutions, not just acronyms.) . The course was conducted at the CSIRO Materials Science and Engineering centre in Geelong.

4. a) **Are there any potential areas worth following up as a result of the travel? We will look closer at our picking operation, our ginning operation, we may even look at trying to create a direct marketing relationship with some spinners overseas. We will also pay very close attention to the new varieties and their quality characteristics as they become available. We will keep supporting the industry's push to improve the quality characteristics of Australian cotton.**

b) **Any relevance or possible impact on the Australian Cotton Industry? I think the course would be very relevant to anyone involved in the cotton industry. We have a joint venture in a Cotton Gin and we would like to put the Gin Manager through the course. The course offers extremely good information about the Australian Cotton Industry, and gives a clearer understanding why it is critical to keep improving the quality of Australian cotton, so the Australian cotton industry can remain viable.**

5. How do you intend to share the knowledge you have gained with other people in the cotton industry? Anyone I've discussed the Cotton course with I've indicated that it was absolutely brilliant. I'm speaking on behalf of Andrew Parkes, Nick Gillingham and myself (Peter Gall). We all shared the same opinion. Thankyou very much for the opportunity to do the course! The only negative comment I'd make on behalf of the people I've mentioned above is, we would have liked to spend double the amount of time looking at the fabric formation equipment areas. We all found the practical demonstrations of the equipment, fascinating.