



**Australian Government**  
**Cotton Research and  
Development Corporation**

# **TRAVEL & CONFERENCE REPORT**

## ***Part 1 - Summary Details***

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**CRDC Project Number: CRDC 1004**

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**Project Title: Field to Fabric Course Participation, Chris  
Berry**

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**Project Commencement Date:** 21 July 2009 **Project Completion Date:** 23 July 2009  
**Research Program:** 3.3

## ***Part 2 – Contact Details***

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### **Part 3 – Travel Report**

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*(Maximum two pages)*

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

*To attend the Cotton Field to Fabric Course*

**2. What were the:**

**a) major findings and outcomes**

*That some of the qualities cotton is classed on, e.g. colour and leaf, are not actually important fibre qualities that a spinner requires. I was amazed that we can be discounted for these characteristics and yet from a spinner's perspective they are not important.*

**b) other highlights**

*Seeing how all the processes are done from spinning through to dyeing and fabric making. The level of mechanisation was amazing. It was also very interesting to hear what fabrics had been developed at the csiro and what future projects they were working on*

**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.)**

**4. a) Are there any potential areas worth following up as a result of the travel?**

*I think there needs to be a better communication link between growers/ginners and spinners and end fabric users so that what the spinners require as far as fibre characteristics can be produced by the grower and ginner, and therefore premium and discounts placed accordingly on this.*

**b) Any relevance or possible impact on the Australian Cotton Industry?**

*If the above can be achieved I think it will have a huge benefit for the cotton industry, not only from an economical sense for growers but also from an international market sense whereby Australian cotton will be the cotton of choice.*

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

*By talking to other growers at field days and grower meetings and encouraging them to attend the course. I thought it was very worthwhile. I will also let them know about the reimbursement offered by the CRDC for doing the course.*