

## **Introduction**

The objective of this study is to examine the scope for further research into certain quality characteristics of Australian cotton which are seen by many cotton industry participants as critical areas for improvement if the Australian fibre is to maintain its reputation for excellence, namely:

- neppiness
- short fibre content

Following the 1998 Conference Norton Corporate Services Pty Ltd was commissioned by the Cotton Research and Development Corporation (CRDC) to carry out a short study of around nine working days. Roger Hayhurst undertook this work during the period October/November 1998.

This study is intended to assist the CRDC decision making process regarding work in these areas.

A tendency for yarns made with Australian cotton to exhibit hairiness had also been commented on by the textile industry and the CRDC requested that this issue be considered also.