



IN THIS SHEARING OPERATION, SAFETY AND SHEEP WELFARE ARE A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY. **GOOD COMMUNICATION** BETWEEN CONTRACTORS, SHEARING TEAMS AND GROWERS IS ESSENTIAL. **NEGOTIATE ANY VARIATIONS** THAT MAY BE REQUIRED.

SAFETY & SHEEP WELFARE

SHEEP

- Cruelty to sheep will not be tolerated
- Rams to be sedated except in special circumstances that are negotiated between contractor or shearer and grower
- Dogs that bite must be muzzled
- Sheep are to be handled humanely
- Sheep should be yarded overnight and drained (off food and water) for a minimum of 8 hours, any other time frames should be jointly discussed and mutually agreed between the contractor, shearers and grower
- If a sheep injury occurs, the injury will be reported and attended to immediately and humanely
- Sheep should be free of flystrike and dags

SHED/YARD

- All workers will wear correct, enclosed footwear
- Smoking in outdoor designated areas only
- Pen arrangements will have no forward drags
- Clean toilets, washing facility and drinking water to be made available
- Chemicals and application equipment will be stored safely outside the shearing shed
- Music to be no louder than a conversation
- Anyone found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while at work, or while driving to or from work will not be allowed to continue working
- Shearing Plant will be serviced and maintained with minimal noise and vibration and where practicable will be anti-locking

- The shed will have appropriate ventilation suited to the prevailing weather
- All injuries are to be reported to the employer immediately
- A First Aid kit will be maintained on site
- Pre and post shearing safety inspections will be conducted by the person in charge of shearing operations with the shed owner or their representative
- The shed (and living quarters where provided) will be cleaned prior to start (wool grower), and at the end of shearing operations (shearers or shearing contractor).
- Where water is available, wet down yards to minimise dust and potential spread of disease

Thank you!

Remember

Quality before quantity

Please refer to your State Workplace Health Safety Act and Regulations for further detail. Each state has its own Sheep Welfare legislation – these are available online for further information.

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