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9<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

Senator the Hon. Barnaby Joyce, MP  
Minister for Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry  
Parliament House  
**CANBERRA ACT 2600**

Dear Minister Joyce

I have pleasure in submitting the Cotton R&D Corporation's Annual Report for 2012-13, which is enclosed, for your approval. We look forward to receiving your advice in advance of printing and tabling of the Annual Report in Parliament.

The 2013-14 cotton growing season in Australia is set to produce another very large crop with many of the ongoing performance improvements founded upon the Corporation's strategic investment in R, D & E.

Yours sincerely

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Mary Corbett  
**Chair**

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**Item 6.2 Correspondence -  
Letter to Minister Joyce from Dr. Mary Corbett**

23 October 2013

The Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP  
Minister for Agriculture  
PO Box 6022  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I have been conscious of your busy schedule since commencing as Minister for Agriculture in September. I write now to congratulate you on your appointment and also to acknowledge your significant knowledge of, and contacts within the cotton industry.

The Cotton Research and Development Corporation (CRDC) appreciates both the significant financial support we receive from the Australian Government and the close working relationships we have with your department. Equally CRDC is very fortunate to work with such a progressive and tightly connected industry that recognises the importance of research to both its past and future achievements.

I wish to assure you that CRDC does not take this support or good relationship for granted. Our new five-year Strategic R&D Plan identifies ambitious goals to ensure the industry continues to improve its competitiveness, profitability, social and environmental performance.

At a time convenient to you, we would be pleased to host you for a visit to Narrabri to see first hand our investments in cotton research and discuss with you some key issues for cotton R&D.

Finally we would be pleased to regularly provide you with an update from the Corporation. I have attached a short briefing and industry overview with key investment decisions from our Board meeting earlier this month.

Yours sincerely

Dr Mary Corbett  
Chair



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The Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP

Minister for Agriculture  
Federal Member for New England

REF: MNMC2013-06176

Dr Mary Corbett  
Chair  
Cotton Research and Development Corporation  
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Dear Dr Corbett

Thank you for your correspondence of 9 October 2013 presenting the 2012-13 Annual Report for the Cotton Research and Development Corporation.

I am advised by the Department of Agriculture that the report has been prepared in accordance with section 9 of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* and section 28 of the *Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1989*. Accordingly, I agree to table the report in Parliament.

I thank the corporation's board and staff for their work in preparing the annual report and for their efforts throughout 2012-13.

Yours sincerely

Barnaby Joyce MP

8 November 2013



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The Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP

Minister for Agriculture  
Federal Member for New England

Ref: MNMC2013-06736

Dr Mary Corbett  
Chair  
Cotton Research and Development Corporation  
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Dear Dr Corbett

Thank you for your correspondence of 23 October 2013 congratulating and welcoming me to the Agriculture portfolio. It is an honour and a privilege to serve in Prime Minister Abbott's Cabinet. As the representative for the New England region, I am passionate about regional Australia and this appointment provides me with significant new opportunities to make a difference.

As a team, the Department of Agriculture and I have a huge job ahead of us, and I welcome the opportunity to work with individuals, peak bodies and industry as we reinvigorate Australian agriculture where it needs help and continue building where it is strong.

Thank you for your offer to visit Narrabri and to discuss challenges and opportunities for the cotton industry. I look forward to engaging with you and your organisation and my office will be in touch when an opportunity arises.

Thank you again for keeping me informed of the Corporation's activities.

Yours sincerely

Barnaby Joyce MP  
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20<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

The Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP  
Minister for Agriculture  
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**CANBERRA ACT 2600**

Dear Minister

Re: Loss Application

The Cotton Research and Development Corporation had previously forecast operating losses in 2013-14 but now expect to end the financial year with a surplus, however losses are forecast in future years as outlined in the enclosed materials.

The Cotton Research and Development Corporation will manage forecast losses from accumulated reserves and maintain its financial viability, in order to achieve its objectives.

We note that in order to approve an operating loss, the agreement of the Minister for Finance, Senator the Hon. Matthias Cormann is required and we ask you to write to him to seek his approval to this proposal.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Mary Corbett  
**Chair**

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