

## **Stakeholder Consultation Plan**

### Priority Setting Workshop feedback report

As part of CRDC's Stakeholder Consultation Plan, CRDC has committed to publishing an annual report on how advice received via CRDC's priority setting workshop (held annually with Cotton Australia and the cotton industry's research advisory panels in May/June) was incorporated into successful project proposals.

#### **2023–24 R&D priorities**

The 2023–24 priorities forum, held in May 2022, identified a range of broad areas of focus for future RD&E investment. These were incorporated into the development of the investment plans for CRDC's new Strategic Plan 2023-28 – Clever Cotton – and its new strategic RD&E priorities.

These key areas included:

- The management of disease (in particular Verticillium wilt, Fusarium wilt and Black root rot) and the impact of compaction and different rotation crops
- The impact and management of resistant weeds (especially Fleabane, Feathertop Rhodes grass and Barnyard grass)
- The management of pests (especially Silverleaf Whitefly, mirids and mealy bugs), integrated pest management, the use of beneficial insects and how to better inform decision making
- The management of water, including automation, optimisation, improved scheduling technology, and strategies to reduce evaporation from storages
- The management of input costs, including fertilisers (with a focus on better understanding nutritional requirements, nitrogen and reducing greenhouse gas emissions) and human capacity (including how to attract and retain skilled staff)
- The measurement and management of biodiversity, including habitat provision in riparian areas and weed management in remnant vegetation.

Through Clever Cotton and the 2023–24 investment plans, CRDC is investing in projects to address these key needs.

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