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Animal Health Australia  
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26-28 Napier Close  
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**Re: Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines**

On behalf of the Stud Merino Breeders' Association of Western Australia, I am writing to inform you of our position with regards to G9.14 in the 'Draft Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep' and Variation C3 in the 'Guide to the Consultation Regulation Impact Statement on Sheep' and in the 'Sheep Regulation Impact Statement.'

Whilst we appreciate that these are references to guidelines and directly relate to intensive sheep production systems; we would oppose any changes to the standards that would limit current industry practices with regards to penning of sheep for shows and sales.

As an association for the promotion of the Merino breed we always have our animals' welfare in mind and ensure that the best of care is maintained when they are at shows and sales.

If you should need to contact me with regards to this matter, my contact details are as follows:

Email; [k.keatley@wellard.com.au](mailto:k.keatley@wellard.com.au)  
Telephone: 0407 196 525

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Keatley". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Kevin Keatley  
(President SMBAWA)