



# The Hon Niall Blair MLC Minister for Primary Industries Minister for Lands and Water

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### ALBURY TO HOST NATIONAL LAMB EXPO

Minister for Primary Industries Niall Blair announced Albury has beaten a long list of rival cities to secure the rights to host Australia's premier lamb industry event, LambEx, in August next year.

"The regional hub of Albury is a perfect choice to host the expo, with the location, facilities and community support to ensure the event is a great success," Mr Blair said.

"I'm delighted to see a regional area in NSW has the opportunity to host this important national event and this is a great opportunity to promote the state's world-class lamb industry."

Member for Albury Greg Aplin congratulated Albury City Council and the local community on their strong submission to host LambEx 2016.

"Albury Council has proposed a campaign to highlight lamb brand exposure and celebrate the product as a major part of the NSW economy," Mr Aplin said.

"This will include creating a local 'Celebrate Lamb' week, with all partner restaurants and hotels featuring a lamb special on their menu, as well as cooking demonstrations, local produce tasting tours and sheep farm tours."

The event attracts more than 900 delegates and 70 exhibitors.

The LambEx conference organising committee has also been announced, made up of sheep producers, consultants and key industry representatives:

Rodney Watt (chair) – sheep stud owner, Greenthorpe NSW

Andrew Burgess – seed stock producer, Walcha NSW

Anthony Shepherd – sheep production consultant, Cootamundra NSW

Nick Gay – sheep and cattle producer, Cowra NSW

Sally Martin – sheep and wool genetics consultant, Young NSW

George Carter – sheep stud owner, Walcha NSW

Ian McColl – prime lamb producer, Koorawatha NSW

Megan Giannini – NSW Stud Merino Breeders Association

Toby Scales – Livestock manager (lamb), Arcadian Meat Company

Dave Tregrove – Livestock officer, Central West Local Land Services

Richard Apps – MLA Sheep R&D Project Manager

Tracy Lamb – Development officer sheep performance, NSW DPI

Mark Inglis - Southern farm assurance and livestock supply-chain manager, JBS

Allan Piggott – sheep producer and former chair LambEx 2014