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MEDIA RELEASE

EXTENSION OF SHEARING HANDPIECE REBATES WELCOMED

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Member for Tamworth, Peter Draper, has welcomed the announcement that the WorkCover ShearSafety rebate scheme for shearers and woolgrowers in New South Wales has been extended.

The scheme offers a \$60 rebate to farmers and shearers when they replace pin drive mechanisms with the safer worm drives. If farmers or shearers want further information on the scheme they can contact Mr Drapers office in Tamworth, or WorkCover NSW.

“The worm drive mechanism disengages when anything goes wrong with the comb, reducing the incidence of injuries,” Mr Draper said.

Mr Draper also pointed out that the scheme had received widespread acceptance since its inception in July 2002.

“Over 3,300 rebates have been claimed since the scheme began, so more than \$200,000 has now been spent on this initiative by the NSW Government to make our shearing sheds safer.”

“As the rebate is an important part of the ShearSafety program, I applaud the Minister’s decision to extend this scheme until April 30th this year,” Mr Draper said.

“Too many preventable accidents occur in shearing sheds, and the extension will help us make the shearing sheds of NSW a safer place to work,” Mr Draper concluded.

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