



# 2023 HEMP CONFERENCE

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# INTRODUCTION

Who are we

- Family Business
- Establish 1995, Toll Processor
- 15 permanent staff – 30 seasonal staff
- Run 24/7 when in production
- 2010 - 25,000 bales, 2022 – 200,000 bales
- Growth due to advancements by CSIRO and CRDC
- Hemp Trials 2013/2014 and 2022



# WHY DID WE DO THIS

- Seasonal Business
  - Essentially we are a fibre company
- How we can utilize our site 12 months per year

# BIG PICTURE

## WHAT CAN OUR INDUSTRY OFFER

- 40 Cotton Gins located in NSW and QLD
- Significant amount of growers supporting this site
- 450,000 Hectares of Cotton planted in 2022
- Opportunity of potential infrastructure that is already there
- Seasons are aligned

# GROWERS

- The ability to offer an alternative crop
- Sophisticated with significant amount of Infrastructure onsite
- Critical to offer a viable alternative crop
- Agronomist support already available

# RESULTS

- Capable of processing 15t per hour of harvested hemp
- 200mm billets retted for 14 days
- Maintain fibre and hurd length
- Allows for further refinements for desired products
- Jumbo hay bales , full payload on trucks delivering
- Simply for growers

# COTTON INDUSTRY

- The Cotton Industry is fully supportive of the Hemp Industry
- BMP Industry Standard – BCI International Standard
- EPA Compliant Facilities
- Hemp/Cotton product that is compatible with spinning mills across the world