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Court strikes out AWI's conspiracy application against PETA

The Federal Court in Sydney has struck out parts of Australian Wool Innovation's (AWI) case against People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

But the court is allowing AWI to serve documents on PETA and its employees in the United States.

Justice Healy struck out AWI's conspiracy application and its application under Section 45DB of the Trade Practices Act against Ingrid Newkirk and two others.

AWI was relying on Section 45DB to argue PETA was using others to impede its ability to export wool.

However, Justice Healy granted AWI leave to serve court documents on PETA in the United States and several of its employees.

In a separate request, he also granted Western Australian wool-grower David Webster access to all court documents on the public record, in relation to the legal proceedings.

And he granted AWI's request to subpoena Channel 9's out-takes of the 60 Minutes program the station aired involving an interview with Ms Newkirk.

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