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New mulesing ban

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THE wool industry says it's not fazed by a Japanese fashion label joining the mulesing boycott.

Japanese clothing giant [Uniqlo](#) last week announced it would phase out the use of Australian wool from suppliers who used the controversial technique to prevent flystrike in their stock.

The move is the latest blow in a larger campaign prompted by big-name fashion labels such as Adidas, Hugo Boss, Gap, Top Shop, Next and Abercrombie & Fitch over the past few years, which have also banned Australian mulesed wool.

[PETA Australia](#) campaign director Jason Baker said "the Australian wool industry would be wise to sit up and take notice".

But [Australian Wool Growers Association](#) chairman Shane Edwards said the market had been very strong for the past two years and he couldn't see the decision affecting producers.

[Wool Producers Association](#) chief executive Jane Brownbill said she didn't believe Uniqlo's decision would affect business.

"My understanding is that they don't use any of our higher-quality wool anyway," Ms Brownbill said.