

Australia, Stop Subjecting Lambs to Painful "Mulesing"



- **signatures:** 10,371
- **deadline:** ongoing
- **signature goal:** 10,000

- **Target:** Joe Ludwig, Australian Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
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Farmers are cutting large chunks of skin away from their lambs' tails in a process called mulesing: **one that leaves gaping wounds as breeding grounds for potential infection.**

Mulesing is engineered to prevent an outbreak of flystrike, an infectious disease that starts in folds of skin and kills thousands of lambs a year. But by leaving open fissures in the animals' bodies, their risk of contracting flystrike could actually increase for several weeks after the procedure.

Farmers with no background in technical or surgical precision are allowed free rein to cut their sheep, and viable alternatives are constantly ignored. Lambs younger than twelve months old are not even legally required to be anesthetized.

Animal rights activists are rising to protest, and they need your support to send this medieval practice back to the dark ages.

Tell the government we need a new standard of animal welfare when it comes to lamb mulesing.

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