



- 8) The new TAC was announced on 21 October 2021. Nearly three months later, it is still not clear that the TAC is ready to provide robust scrutiny of the UK-Australia FTA. It is vital that

permit slaughter without stunning for slaughter in accordance with religious rites which provides for non-stun slaughter where food is intended for the consumption of Jews and Muslims.

14) At present the slaughter of non-stunned animals remains allowed in all States and Territories in

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shall be stunned before being slaughtered.<sup>5</sup>

15) In Australia, sheep raised for wool are commonly subjected to a painful procedure called mulesing, where flaps of skin from aro

to reduce the risk of flystrike. Mulesing has never been practised in the UK. The practice is used mainly in the Merino breed and breeding to reduce the need for mulesing is a long-term aim.

Merinos are crossed with other breeds for meat production, so the welfare concerns are not limited only to wool production. RSPCA Australia<sup>6</sup> is opposed to mulesing and some clothing brands have ceased using Australian wool due to welfare concerns.





