

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of Primary Industries
Name of the proposal	Amendment of the <i>Animal Care and Protection Regulation 2023</i> – Schedule 3, section 8, regarding sheep mulesing.
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<i>Animal Care and Protection Amendment Regulation 2025</i>
Date of issue	12 November 2025

Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	<p>The amendment of the <i>Animal Care and Protection Regulation 2023</i> (the Regulation) is minor, machinery in nature and imposes no or negligible costs on business or the community.</p> <p>The amendment corrects an error in Schedule 3, section 8 of the Regulation concerning mulesing, which currently prescribes that a person must ensure that only skin which is not wool-bearing is removed.</p> <p>This error was not identified by the Department of Primary Industries when the <i>Animal Care and Protection Regulation 2012</i> (former Regulation) was being remade following its expiry.</p> <p>The amendment restores the policy intent to reflect the former Regulation and the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep, such that a person performing mulesing on a sheep must ensure that they only remove skin that is wool-bearing.</p>

*Refer to *The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy* for regulatory proposals not requiring regulatory impact analysis (for example, public sector management, changes to existing criminal laws, taxation).

Signed



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Date: 13/11/2025



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