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Court application filed to stop PETA

On behalf of Australian woolgrowers, Australian Wool Innovation Limited (AWI) today caused to be filed in the Federal Court of Australia an Application and Statement of Claim against People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals Inc. (PETA).

The Federal Court of Australia claim was served on PETA President Ingrid Newkirk shortly after she concluded an interview with 60 Minutes in Sydney today.

A primary claim relates to an alleged breach by PETA of the secondary boycott provisions of the Trade Practices Act, section 45D and 45DB.

AWI is seeking an order on behalf of the wool industry restraining PETA from threatening clothing retailers and applying pressure on them to impose a boycott on Australian wool.

A second claim seeks an order from the court that PETA publish corrective advertising at PETA's expense.

AWI Chairman Ian McLachlan said: "We cannot stand by as the livelihood of Australia's woolgrowers is threatened by these people peddling innuendo, half-truths and deception."

"They are damaging the industry. We believe what they are doing is illegal and we will ask the Court to protect the Australian Merino wool industry."

The first return date is 9:30am on Friday, 3 December 2004.

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