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### Annotated Bibliography

Bell, K, and D Sackett. "The Economic and Research Implications of Managing Merino Sheep without Mulesing." *Department of Agriculture* (2005): 1-3. Web. 24 Feb. 2012.

This source published by the Western Australian Department of Agriculture primarily looks at the effects of mulesing from a cost and economical point of view. The source begins by looking at perspectives of the mulesing debate as a whole. It then discusses mulesing and the effect on labour as well as shearing and crutching. A breakdown of the costs is then introduced for the total per head of sheep when dealing with unmulesed sheep. As the source is published by a government agency, the information which the source entails is highly reliable and correct. The use of this information coincides with the mulesing debate, as it looks at the extensive costs which will occur if sheep are unmulesed and how this will greatly affect farmers and the wool industry.

Lee, C, and AD Fisher. "Welfare Consequences of Mulesing of sheep." *Australian Veterinary Journal* 85.33 Mar. (2007): 89-93. Web. 24 Feb. 2012.

Lee and Fishers journal written in the Australian Veterinary Journal is a comprehensive review of the consequences affecting sheep after the mulesing process. The journal starts by giving a brief history of the mulesing technique and the positive results it has shown. The journal then continues to discuss the welfare aspects of mulesing and then examines the comparative methods available. Finally, the authors conclude by analyzing the mulesing

versus no mulesing in comparing animal welfare advantages and the further consequences which will affect the Australian wool industry. This journal article is particularly useful when analyzing the mulesing debate. The journal comes from the well-known Australian Veterinary Journal, in which the information is consistent and reliable. By including discussion on the efficiency and benefits of mulesing, the welfare implications on the animal, and the detailed information on alternative methods leaves a large proportion of the mulesing debate covered.

Wells, Alexandra E., Joanne Sneddon, Julie A. Lee, and Dominique Blache. "Farmers Response to Societal Concerns about Farm Animal Welfare: The Case of Mulesing." *The University of Western Australia* 21 July (2010): 645-47. Web. 24 Feb. 2012.

This article published by the University of Western Australia explores the motivations and approaches to mulesing by the farmers from the farmer's perspective. The findings of the article include an analysis of the farmer's behavioral beliefs about mulesing and their beliefs about mulesing alternatives. A discussion is then turned to the beliefs and opinions expressed on the issue of mulesing and the market demand. A further discussion on the implications of mulesing and future study and limitations is then deliberated. This article is useful as it looks at the perception of the mulesing debate particularly from the farmer's perspective. The study in the article was conducted by the University of Western Australia is highly reliable as it was conducted by a well-known university across Australia.