

(No. 58.)



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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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THE SCAB ACT.

PETITIONS AGAINST REPEAL.

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Presented by Mr. Maclanachan, September 14; and ordered by the Council to be printed, September 16, 1870.



*To the Honorable the Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned Sheepowners in Tasmania.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:

THAT your Petitioners, understanding that an effort will be made by those Sheepowners who are opposed to the Bill for the prevention of the disease in Sheep called Scab, passed during the last Session of Parliament, to secure its repeal, desire to express their conviction that the said Bill should be maintained in its integrity, and their hope that your Honorable House will neither entertain the proposition for repeal nor amendment, except in such particulars as the light of experience may prove to be necessary or desirable.

That to repeal the said Bill, which will not be fully enforced until the ensuing year, would operate injuriously and unfairly upon those who, on seeing the measure had passed and become the law of the land, in compliance with its requirements erected dips, and made other necessary preparations on their various stations, involving considerable outlay with the view of eradicating Scab from their flocks, and with the confident expectation that others would be compelled to adopt the necessary means to secure the same end, without which their outlay will be comparatively useless.

That many of your Petitioners having dipped their flocks in accordance with the requirements of the law, are able to speak from experience of the beneficial effects of a thorough and effectual dipping, and are of opinion that if the law is vigorously administered it will greatly tend to promote the pastoral interests of the Country.

Your Petitioners respectfully suggest that it is undesirable that a Bill so recently passed, and which many Sheepowners of life-long experience welcome as a boon, and from the vigorous administration of which they expect to derive so much benefit, should be repealed before it has been put into force.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will take the foregoing particulars into your favorable consideration, and that you will support the prayer of this Petition by rejecting the proposition for the repeal of the said Bill.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

John Taylor, Wanstead.  
Thomas Parramore, Beaufront.  
Geo. Hy. Fletcher, Truelands.  
Robert Gatenby, View Point.  
James Gibson, Belle Vue.  
Joseph Archer.

Petitions in the same terms were presented—

1. From 10 Sheepowners.
2. From 12 Sheepowners.