

Hello,

I support a full and unconditional phase-out of the live sheep export. This is a cruel and inhumane process, from start to finish.

This issue has been bandied around for so long, for decades. The Australian public wants certainty that this will end. The Animal Justice Party in the latest NSW elctions achieved a record percentage of 2.19%, based almost entirely on this issue.

I understand that the industry will require assistance to transition away from this practise. The government already spends hundreds of millions of dollars every year to the cow, sheep and pig industries. Transition incentives are common in many industries, and in many countries, so it wouldn't be unreasonable to expect that it could be an effective way to help people move away from this practise.

Australia's reputation has taken a hit on this issue and we are being compared unfavourably to more advanced countries in this area, such as New Zealand.

Please end this awful practise.

Thank you for considering this submission.

