

Thank you for your commitment to end live sheep export. This will definitely end the suffering of many sheep and applaud you for that decision. It is certainly a million times better than what the previous government ever considered; so sincerely thank you.

I would like to see these changes applied as soon as possible with impacted parties given support during any change period. In fact I would hope to see the impacted parties (especially farmers) being moved to a model of cell based / cultured meat production. This is not only better for the animal and environment but also people as the end product does not contain growth hormones and, as there are no internal organs, there can be no contamination during slaughter – in fact, there is no slaughter. So while still in its infancy, the technology will inevitably be the way of the future and the product is already being sold in Singapore. Australia should step into it and embrace it.

Also, I have read the consultation paper and noted that the planned changes do not apply to cattle or live air export. This still leaves animals open to horrendous abuse and painful slaughter once they get to the destination. So while I fully support the end of live sea exports as soon as possible I would hope to see the changes extend to all animals and all modes of transport.

Thank you.