

Thank you for committing to the phase out of the live export of sheep. All animals suffer horrifically in this brutal trade. A phase out is long overdue. Australians want certainty that this trade will end, that the phase-out be legislated and commences in this term of parliament and that it begins and ends as soon.

This trade has been detrimental to Australia's international reputation as a fair and compassionate nation, along with our treatment of native animals and high extinction rate. Higher animal welfare is becoming increasingly important issue, New Zealand has set the precedent in ending all live export. It is of course important to put into place support for impacted farmers during the transition.

This trade has always been inherently cruel and even when all regulations are followed, sheep still suffer heat stress at sea and painful un-stunned slaughter overseas. I implore you to bring about the phase out as soon as possible.

Many thanks,

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