

I am writing to share my views on live sheep export and how important I think it is that the phase-out begins and ends as soon as possible, ideally in this term of Parliament, to ensure less sheep are subjected to inexcusable suffering. Even with regulations in place, animals still suffer from horrendous cruelty both out at sea and from the unstunned slaughter off our shores. These animals were raised and bred in Australia under our regulations and it's not Australian to let overseas countries treat them in a way that we don't accept.

I am aware that farmers may initially be impacted by this and should be given government support during their transition. We are not the first to do this so with New Zealand already being successful we could use their experience as a guide to know that it works. I even think New Zealand would be compassionate towards us as a nation building stronger relationships.

I strongly voted Labor as my vote at the last election on the assumption that this policy to stop live export was to take place, I would really like to see it happen to reinsure my confidence in my vote.