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Dear Department of Agriculture

Submitted via website.

Re: Phase out live sheep exports by sea

I am writing to express my strong support for the phase-out of live sheep exports by sea. It is clear that the live export of animals is inherently cruel, and this trade has caused immense suffering for animals.

As an Australian citizen, I believe that it is important for our country to uphold a reputation as a fair and compassionate nation. The phase-out of live sheep exports is an essential step towards ensuring that our country lives up to these values.

I urge the government to take swift action to phase out this trade as soon as possible. It is important that this process be legislated and that it commences in this term of parliament. Australians want certainty that this trade will end, and we must work to ensure that this happens as soon as possible.

I would also like to express my support for farmers in the transition away from live sheep exports. It is important that they receive government support to help them make this transition, and I hope that the government will provide the necessary resources to facilitate this process.

Finally, I believe that it is important to emphasize the impact that this trade has had on Australia's international reputation. Many other countries have already taken steps to end live exports, and defending this trade undermines public trust in Australia's agricultural sector.

Thank you for considering my views on this important issue. I hope that the government will take action to end this cruel trade and move towards a more compassionate and sustainable future.

Sincerely

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