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Please see my submission below re live sheep export:

I appreciate the labour government deciding to end live sheep export, which was one of the factors leading me and my husband to vote for Labour at our last federal election.

I believe live sheep export is unethical and unacceptable from an animal welfare point of view, as well as unnecessary from an economic point of view. Even when all regulations are followed, sheep experience psychological stress, heat stress and inhumane methods of killing in destination countries. I feel ashamed to be part of a developed country that still allows this practice, and see it as damaging to our international reputation as an advanced and ethical nation.

I recognise that stopping this trade will be economically difficult for Australian farmers. Therefore I support a phase out within no more than 3 years, with government assistance to help farmers to transition. If the government is genuine about ending the trade, it should be legislated during this term of parliament, including a termination date.

Your sincerely,

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