

# LIVE EXPORT CONSULTATION SUBMISSION

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*How should the govt implement the phase out of live export by sea?*

Ensure that all live export farmers are adequately supported financially to either exit the industry or remain viable

Provide infrastructure grants for drought feed lotting and silos to breach the autumn feed gap

Build government feedlots to ensure the welfare of sheep in drought situations

*Why should the govt use this approach?*

If the government wishes to interfere with market forces that will have detrimental impacts to Australian families, and despite knowing the efforts that the industry has gone to, to make the trade sustainable, then this is the right thing to do.

This would be equitable because farmers are against this change and as such require compensation and assistance.

*What is an appropriate timeframe to phase out live sport by sea?*

When all farmers have been compensated

When workforce issues have been addressed

When government feedlots have been created

When the workforce has been retrained

When farmers who has invested in shearing sheds and other infrastructure have been compensated

When farmers have been given assistance to build drought feedlots and silos on their farms

*What are your reasons for proposing this timeframe?*

Minimise economic and community disruption

*Will your or your business be impacted by the phase out of live export by sea?*

This would be an extreme financial loss

Devaluation of livestock is already happening

Have to exit the industry or change breeding and produce no more wool

*What will the phase out mean to you, your employer/ employees/ suppliers /customers/ friends family/ community?*

We wont have a market for our sheep

We wont be able to afford to employ staff

We wont be able to purchase the vet products from our suppliers

Our customers in the middle east wont be able to have access to our protein sources

Our community will lose its shearers, roustabouts, livestock workers, truckies

*What barriers and or constraints might there be for exporters, farmers, other participants across the supply chain to transition away?*

We wont be able to run sheep without having access to a market in the autumn

Environment will suffer as we have to hold on to sheep longer

*How should supply chain participants be supported as they transition away from live export?*

Provide retraining and income support for truckdrivers

Provide retraining and income support for shearers

*What would you or your business and other supply chain participants need to do to transition away from live export?*

Build drought feedlots

Purchase silos

Reun a different breed of sheep

*How long do you think it will take for you to transition away from live export by sea?*

Years

*What can be learnt from other countries that have ceased live export?*

That none of them have the same pressures that we have in WA – variable climate, smaller local population, distance from market

*What lessons can be learned from other Australian states that no longer live export?*

That none of them have the same pressures that we have in WA – variable climate, smaller local population, distance from market

*What opportunities should the govt pursue in the lead up to and following the transition out of live export?*

The opportunity to not meddle in market affairs

The opportunity to support an industry and lead the way instead of shutting it down

The opportunity to support farmers adequately

*What would industry participants need or need to do to take advantage of other opportunities?*

Access to grant funds to be able to sustain the impact of this government meddling

*What are the barriers or constraints to pursuing opportunities?*

Access to grant funds to be able to sustain the impact of this government meddling