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Submission - Phase Out of Live Sheep Export by Sea

Dear Sir/Madam,

As an interested member of the public I would like to provide input to the consultation process and independent panel.

The business of Live Sheep export by sea needs to be phased out as soon as practically possible. To achieve this more in country abattoirs need to be built or existing facilities ramped up. Switching to in country slaughter can be ramped up over time to iron out any glitches, perhaps 1-2years would be sufficient.

Most Australians want certainty that this trade practice will end and that a more humane in country slaughtering process will ensue, whereby Australia can ensure best welfare practices throughout the life cycle of Sheep are maintained. As you are no doubt aware most sheep face varying levels of abuse and live slaughter in importing countries.

Change is always difficult, and initially disruptive therefore the Government must provide support and job security not only to farmers but also all Australian workers in the Live Sheep Export trade industry dully affected.

I note that New Zealand has now ceased Live Sheep export; this can only enhance their reputation on the International stage as a fair and compassionate nation which can only enhance their preferred supplier status. It would do little or no harm for Australia to follow suit, and become a quality supplier of choice having control over the entire sheep animal husbandry process.

The Labor Government is doing a great job on many fronts, sorting out the past in-actions of the Coalition Government. I voted Labor at the last election a major reason was because they had a policy looking to phase out the Live Sheep Export by Sea trade.

I and many other Australians will be elated when the day finally comes when this trade has ended. In a modern caring progressive society that treats sheep as sentient beings this trade practice must end.

Yours sincerely

