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Submission: Phase out live sheep exports by sea

I hereby make my submission to urge the Albanese Government to follow through with its promise to phase out the live export of sheep by sea during their first term in government. **The phase-out must begin and end as soon as possible.** Australians want certainty that this trade will end, that the phase-out be legislated and commences in this term of parliament.

Every delay means more sheep subjected to inexcusable suffering – from the daily stresses of sea transport to fully conscious slaughter in importing countries.

The more countries that ban live export, the less animals will suffer along these unethical and inhumane transport routes. Animals bred for meat should not have to endure such cruel ends to their lives.

I support a transition program that will see farmers receive government support to help them to transition. The type of support farmers receive while the transition happens is crucial to the success of this phase-out. There could be an opportunity to push for more plant-based agriculture.

Any defence of this trade undermines public trust in Australia's agricultural sector.

This trade is inherently cruel – and even when all regulations are followed, sheep still suffer heat stress at sea and painful un-stunned slaughter overseas.

I urge you to begin the phase out now.

Sincerely,

