

25 May 2023

To: Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Re: Phase-out of live sheep export

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my full support for the government's phase-out of live sheep export.

Live sheep export has been phased out by many countries, including our neighbours New Zealand, as well as Scotland, Wales and England. These countries have phased out the practice due to pressure from their populations, who are horrified at the cruelty which is unavoidably inherent in transporting large numbers of animals by sea to distant countries. There have been notorious exposés of the conditions these animals endure, obtained by brave whistle-blowers and animal welfare organisations. The courageous efforts of these individuals and organisations should be recognised and honoured.

I fully support compensating individual farmers who will be hurt by the phase-out. For decades Australian governments have supported this trade, despite objections from ordinary Australians, and so farmers should be compensated for lost potential earnings.

Congratulations on taking this ethical step forward, and reshaping Australia's reputation as a compassionate and caring nation.

Yours sincerely,

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