

**Submission: Phase out of live sheep exports by sea**

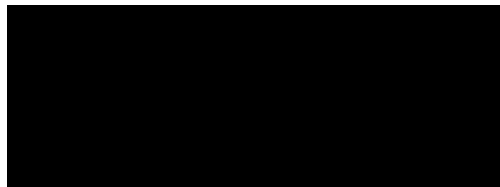
I strongly support the phase out of live sheep exports by sea. History has shown that acceptable welfare standards simply cannot be maintained throughout the supply chain, and animal cruelty is therefore inherent in the trade. Even when all regulations are followed, sheep still suffer heat stress at sea and painful slaughter overseas, without being stunned.

It is critical that this is legislated as soon as possible and that the phase-out commences in this term of parliament. Australians want and deserve certainty that this trade will end. I have supported Labor previously because of this and other animal welfare policies, and I believe this will be well-received by the compassionate citizens of Australia.

New Zealand has set a precedent in ending live export and this move is important in establishing Australia's international reputation as a compassionate nation.

I hope to see the phase-out of live sheep export as the first step in a transition to a chilled meat trade. As such it is critical that a plan is initiated for farmers to receive government support to help them to transition to this first step.

I recognise this will have significant impact on farmers, exporters and other businesses, but believe that it is critical to commence the phase out as soon as possible to ensure its success within a challenging political landscape.



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