

The Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry,

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I abhor live sheep exports which is a torturous act upon innocent creatures. I support the phase-out of live sheep exports and believe the Albanese Government is doing the right thing in doing so.

Australians want certainty that this trade will end, that the phase-out be legislated and commences during this term of parliament. It should begin and end as soon as possible and not be sidelined, attention to it diverted or interrupted by scandal or otherwise.

As with other industries that are phased out due to better knowledge, what's kind or more environmentally or economically sustainable, I am in favour of farmers receiving government support to help them to transition to alternative methods of earning a living, whether it be farming or otherwise.

New Zealand has had great impact already by ending live animal sheep export. As with the vote for women, Australia often follows the good examples New Zealand set as we strive to also be known internationally as a fair and compassionate nation. Not supporting this correct decision undermines public trust in Australia's agricultural sector.

One of the reasons I supported Labor in the last election was their ethical policies.

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

End live sheet exports for all.

Yours faithfully,

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