

Ending live sheep export

I fully support the phase-out of live export of animals.

The phase-out must be legislated and commence in this term of parliament and end as soon as possible. Every delay means more sheep subjected to inexcusable suffering – from the daily stresses of sea transport to fully conscious slaughter in importing countries.

Farmers should receive government support to help them during this transition.

We should be inspired by what New Zealand has recently achieved. Defending live export undermines public trust in Australia's agricultural sector and make us appear as barbaric to other countries.

We can do much better as a society.