

25th May 2023

To whom it may concern,

Please accept my submission supporting the phasing out live sheep export by sea as soon as possible.

Australians and much of the world have been shocked to learn of the inexcusable suffering that sheep in live export are subjected to, from the daily stresses of sea transport to fully conscious slaughter in importing countries, and this cannot be delayed any further.

The phase-out must be legislated, and it must commence in this term of parliament.

I understand the impact this will have on farmers, and I think they should receive government support to help them to transition.

We need to immediately address the impact of this trade on Australia's international reputation as a fair and compassionate nation, and with New Zealand's recent phase out it is time we follow suit. Defending 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.

Please take action and fulfil your election promise now.

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