

## Australian Live Sheep Export Submission:

I would like to take the opportunity to state my support of ending the live sheep export trade in Australia and I totally support the phase-out.

I believe that Australians like myself need certainty that this trade will end, and that the phase-out must be legislated and commence within this current term of parliament. It's important that the trade now ends as soon as possible to prevent further unnecessary suffering.

A support system is also required for farmers to receive government support to help them transition.

I also believe the impact of ending this trade will be significant on Australia's international reputation as a fair and compassionate nation and will now come inline with New Zealand's precedent in ending live export. Any continuance to end this trade undermines public trust in Australia's agricultural sector, and we need to ensure its ends now.

I also supported Labor in the last election because of this policy, and I will continue to support any political party that continues to be an advocate for reforming correct animal welfare practices within all industries and areas.

Live export is inherently cruel and even when all regulations are followed, sheep still suffer heat stress at sea and painful un-stunned slaughter overseas. It is fantastic of the Labor government to end this, and it's now never been more important than ever to end it as quickly as possible while providing maximum support to farmers through the transition.

Sincerely,

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