

Submission Regarding the Phasing Out of the Live Export Trade



Thank you for this opportunity to give my opinion on the phasing out of the sheep live export trade.

I am delighted that the live sheep export trade is to end and that the Australian Government has committed to the phasing out of this inhumane and terrible practice.

To ensure that as few sheep as possible suffer the stress and distress of extended transport at sea and to ensure they are not killed inhumanely at their destination, I want to see the phase-out legislated in this term of parliament and to commence the shutting down of this practice as soon as is humanly possible.

I understand that there will be some financial costs to farmers and I support the offering of subsidies or financial assistance to help farmers transition to other forms of income.

I voted for Labor in the last election, precisely because the phasing out of the live sheep export trade was one of their campaign promises and so I am desperate to see that this promise is kept in a timely fashion.

I note that the New Zealand Government has established a precedent in closing down this trade and I would love the Australian Government to also act in a humane and compassionate fashion.