

Regarding the phase out of live sheep exports from Australia by sea

I start this submission by saying I fully support the phase out of live sheep export. Such a decision is long overdue.

And I am not alone. Millions of my fellow Australians also want to see this cruel, unconscionable trade to end.

It is my hope that the phase-out be legislated as soon as possible and commence, if not in this term of parliament, then the next.

It is imperative that the end to live export be achieved as soon as possible. Australia lag behinds in its animal welfare laws. Even New Zealand has already implemented an end to live export. I find it a source of shame that we continue to treat thinking, feeling sentient beings with such gobsmacking disregard for their wellbeing.

I understand that this could create some difficulty for the agriculturalists who presently profit from the trade. Perhaps this could be eased through government financial support to help them through the transition.

Thank you for your consideration.