

## **Submission regarding the phase out of live sheep export. May 29 2023.**

I support the phase out of live sheep export. This was one of the main reasons that I voted Labor in the 2022 election.

I support the phase out because live export causes unacceptable suffering to the sheep. This has been clearly backed by evidence over recent years. Despite all the regulations to protect animals in the live export industry sheep continue to suffer on the long journeys and are then subjected to cruel slaughter practices.

The phase out should start and finish as soon as possible. In considering when the phase out occurs please remember that every additional week or month or year means ongoing suffering for thousands of sheep.

The phase out should start in early 2024 and finish by the end of 2024. That's an 18 month timeframe which means 18 months of suffering for thousands of sheep.

The phase out could occur with a gradual reduction in the numbers of live export ships, commencing in 2024 with a clear end date determined at the end of 2024.

The phasing out of live sheep export will have an impact on farmers and exporters and the government should look at ways to assist them transition into other industries. This has been successfully achieved in other industries for example car manufacturing.

The phasing out of live sheep export will positively impact on Australia's international reputation as a fair nation alongside other nations who have made the decision to end live export.

This phase out is too important to wait until the next term of government. If Labor is not re-elected the phase out may not go ahead and sheep will face years of suffering.

Thank you for recognizing the cruelty of the live export industry and taking action to end it.

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