

I support Labor to introduce the phase out of Live Sheep Export. I also support compensation for Australian farmers to receive government support for lost earnings during the transition period.

Animals transported across vast oceans for long periods in cramped, filthy conditions under often extreme temperatures then slaughtered and left to die a slow death without the use of stun guns is incredibly inhumane treatment. Prolonging this trade risks damage to our international agricultural reputation if this heinous industry is allowed to continue.

A phase out end date within this term of government will provide certainty to farmers; allied industries and the general public. Any push back on the phase out end date until after the next election is un-acceptable for myself and the many who voted for Labor based on this policy at the last election.

Indeed, if this industry is not ended sooner rather than later many people will lose all faith and trust in politicians, to keep their election promises, and in the livestock industry itself, who continue to lobby for and defend this industry, against so many horrific reports and investigations of cruel treatment of the animals we have raised.

The majority of Australians want Live Export to end and it needs to end now.