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## **Submission**

### **Phase out live sheep exports by sea**

Dear Panel Members

I would like to primarily comment on the timeframe for Implementation.

It is extremely important to make the phase out commence as soon as possible and be completed within a fairly short time frame. The suffering to the animals is extreme both onboard and at slaughter, which is performed fully consciously at quite primitive slaughterhouses.

The time is also of importance as a second term for the ALP isn't guaranteed. The election promise to your voters needs to be fulfilled in this term. New Zealand may provide an excellent example achieving their end to live export in only 2 years. The ALP could have this well on its way to accomplished by the next election.

New Zealand also banned all live export and I do not see the suffering of the sheep to be any different to the cattle sent overseas, perhaps its worse for the cattle as they are bigger animals and more difficult to control and treat when health problems occur onboard. The cruel treatment of cattle at overseas slaughterhouses such as Indonesia is well documented.

The success of the phase out depends on providing strong support to those livestock producers and other groups affected. Whilst I have no specific suggestions for alternatives it is a great time to assess farms for being future proof in the light of climate change and look at alternative and sustainable opportunities especially those that are carbon neutral or help to drawdown carbon.

Yours Sincerely

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