

The Proposed Live Sheep Export Ban

The Proposed Discontinuation of Live Sheep Exports

I am in complete agreement with this policy initiative, and wish to make representations in regard to the 'how' aspect.

I think that most people would agree that Australian farmers and graziers have a reputation second to none in regard to the humane treatment of stock. What they are facing is a change in the 'public licence' in regard to treatment of farmed animals rather than any reflection on their past practices.

This being the case, they deserve full consideration of any steps that can be taken to help them through the transition.

In many cases, they are family businesses, generations of whom have worked long and hard to build enterprises remarkable for their efficiency and constant improvements to the land they occupy. This despite the setbacks of fire, drought, floods, and now climate change.

I believe that in many cases they could make changes to their enterprises that would enable them to replace income lost as a consequence of the termination of live sheep exports, and at the same time help the Federal and State Governments to put into operation their green energy projects.

Surely there are rural enterprises that could be part of the Federal Government's \$4 Billion Clean Energy Superpower Masterplan for legislated climate targets such as emissions reduction, establishing the Rewiring the Nation initiative, and agreements to proceed with a range of critical transmission projects.

The Federal Government could also liaise with states such as Western Australia which has a Clean Energy Future Fund that supports the implementation of innovative clean energy projects, whereby funding can secure tangible emissions reductions, and applications with a strong potential for wider adoption, to pro-actively target these enterprises.

I believe these sorts of initiatives, if undertaken in a wholehearted fashion could ease the burden on those adversely affected, and give them the opportunity to make a fresh start that also benefits the Nation's interests.

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current The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator the Hon Murray Watt has appointed an independent panel to consult with stakeholders. The panel will provide advice on

to support the Federal Government's proposed