

Submission – Phase-out of live sheep export

Thank you	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the phase out of live sheep export.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Knowing the horrors that lay ahead for them is something that can never forgotten.</p>
Support for phase-out	<p>Decades of surveys have shown that live export is strongly opposed by a majority of Australians, including in rural areas. This fact has never changed.</p> <p>You will be aware that an increasing number of politicians, especially Labor, also share these sentiments.</p> <p>My position is that all live export should end. Banning the export of sheep is a start.</p>
Better for Australian economy and jobs	<p>Economic analyses have shown that killing sheep in Australia will provide more economic benefits than live export does, as exporting chilled meat is more profitable.</p> <p>It is also less cruel, as sheep are (in theory) stunned before having their throats slashed.</p> <p>Further, the Australasian Meat Industry Employees Union supports a ban on all live export, including sheep, as it will create more Australian jobs. This is an increasingly important aspect of the phase-out, and one reason why it should begin and end as soon as possible, due to the dim economic outlook.</p>
Timing	<p>I would like for the phase-out to be legislated in this term of government, commence as soon as possible in this term of government and end as soon as possible.</p> <p>Farmers and the live export industry have known for many years that the practice had limited time left, due to its inherent cruelty.</p> <p>Contingency plans for changing markets and sentiments are a fundamental practice for any business operator.</p>
Support for transitioning	<p>I support farmers being given government assistance to return to killing sheep locally.</p> <p>I further support encouraging existing sheep farmers to transition to plant-based agriculture. This would reduce the amount of wildlife</p>

habitat that is destroyed to grow our food.

Cruelty

In the decades in which live animal export has been permitted, no amount of changes to regulations or monitoring have prevented cruelty that would be illegal if it occurred on Australian soil.

Even when all regulations are followed, sheep still suffer heat stress when they are crammed on the ships, have been cooked alive, and have their throats slashed while fully conscious, none of which would be legal if it happened in Australia.

The industry is based on a business model where a per cent of animals will always die on the ships. All animals suffer.

Other countries, like NZ, are banning live animal export. A Brazil court has also deemed it should end.

Conclusion

I look forward to the announcement of the near-future date for the final end of Australia's shame.

Yours sincerely,



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