

Dear panel,

As a member of public, I am writing this to express my view on live sheep export.

I am supporting the phase-out, and I would like it to be immediate action. I know that Australians want certainty that this trade will end. That the phase-out be legislated and commences in this term of parliament. And that it begins and ends as soon as possible. This trade is cruel and inhumane, it's so unnecessary.

It's mentally and emotionally distressing for many of us. To those countries that demanding the sheep to be live exported to them, we should not deal with them, our animals are not for them. Australian should stand up firm to animal cruelty. Trading should base on kind and respect for animals. In current situation, sheep are suffering heat stress at sea, they get sick and painful unstunned slaughter overseas. I have seen the investigation documentaries about it and that's barbaric! Those countries need to be seriously educated. Animals should have the same respect as humans. Just because they born and look different, doesn't mean their lives are cheaper than us. Every living thing has dignity.

I am glad to hear that New Zealand's ended live export. Why not Australia? Aren't we care about our animals? I thought Australia is an advanced country in the world for protecting animals! Those countries import our live sheep are dragging Australia into the mud and damage Australia's good reputation! We must realise this and have the backbone to say "NO" to animal cruelty! This way they will get the message and they will learn.

I also want to mention here, by defending this trade undermines public trust in Australia's agricultural sector. The government must do the right thing by its own people.

I regards to the sheep farmers, I am a supporter for farmers to receive government support to help them to transition.

I supported your Labor government at the last election thought your party would be a better party for dealing with animal cruelty and environment issues. I hope you will end this while you have the power to do so. Please do not disappoint us.

Yours sincerely