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**Submission supporting the phasing out of live sheep exports by sea**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing my submission to express my support to the phasing out of live sheep exports by sea, I think it should commence as soon as possible.

Live sheep exports are abhorrently cruel and animals have been suffering in live exports for years, there are virtually no laws to protect animals in the countries they are sold to, they are often subjected to abuse and methods of slaughter that are illegal in Australia. It is not good enough that Australia 'washes its hands' of the plight of these animals once they have left our shore. By phasing out this trade Australia can regain some of its integrity.

I realise that the phasing out of the live sheep export trade will have an impact on farmers and other businesses however it is important that the Government provide support to those impacted to make the transition proceed more smoothly. Some farmers and businesses may actually welcome the opportunity to no longer be involved in such a cruel trade and be pleased to be given the opportunity to divest their business in a different and healthier direction.

Yours sincerely,

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