

Submission opposing the closure of the live sheep trade

This closure will have a significant effect on our business as it is a solely merino sheep based enterprise. Having the option to sell our older weathers to the LST is fundamental to competition in the market as it always demands a premium.

This mix in our business allows us to manage seasonal variations, they can be rotated around the paddocks which lambing ewes can't or sold off a year earlier if necessary. They are also the heaviest wool cutters, giving us the highest wool cut per hectare.

This closure will have significant affect on our community , people will move away from the industry , uncertainty , what next, with a decision based on emotive grounds . It will affect our schools, local business, shearing teams, stock agents, trucking companies . It will also put huge mental stress on all affected.

The cattle industry will be affected as some boats carry both sheep and cattle.