

Submission supporting the phasing out of live sheep export by sea

To whom it may concern,

I wish to express my support for the phasing out of the live sheep export trade by sea.

I think the phasing out of the live sheep export trade should begin and end as soon as possible. The longer it is delayed the more sheep are subjected to horrific cruelty on these sea voyages, as well as horrendous slaughter methods in the countries they are sent to, countries that usually have no laws regarding 'humane' slaughter and use methods that would be illegal in Australia.

Australia needs to show integrity to the Australian people and the world by phasing out the live sheep export trade, it needs to develop an international reputation as being a fair and compassionate nation, as New Zealand has done (earlier this year) by implementing a ban on export shipments of animals on the grounds of welfare.

Whilst the phase out of the live export industry will have an impact on farmers and other business interests, I believe it should be implemented and finalised as quickly as possible and I would support the Government providing financial and other support to those affected to enable the transition to move quickly and smoothly.

Finally I would like to add that I voted for the Labor Party at the last Federal Election because of the promise the Labor Government made to end the live sheep export trade.

Yours sincerely,

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