

Dear Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry,

I am relieved and grateful that the Government has committed to ending the atrocity that is 'live sheep export', and that the phase out will go ahead.

We, the public need to be informed on how and when this phase out will occur, and for the government to set and legislate an 'end date'.

The phase out must begin immediately to prevent the cruel suffering of thousands more animals.

The government also needs to put in place safeguards and protections to prevent 'live sheep export' from ever happening again in Australia.

The government needs to legislate penalties should anyone illegally export these live animals.

- how the government should phase out live sheep exports by sea

New Zealand have banned Live animal export. The government could refer to their strategies and process of phase out. Firstly, an end date must be established and legislated.

Loss to profit/livelihood or GDP should not be used to delay the end of live animal export.

- support and adjustment options for those impacted by the phase out

The government must establish provisions for compensation, buyouts, retraining and alternative (sustainable) employment opportunities for farmers whose livelihoods are impacted due to the end of this barbaric industry.

Also, educating and informing the public as to the benefits this phase out will have towards animal welfare and the environment.

- opportunities, including options to expand domestic processing and increase sheep meat exports.

I believe this industry should be entirely phased out due to its barbaric/inhumane nature and the fact that scientists report "The consumption and production of meat contributes significantly to climate change" and future food insecurity.

This is a fact, it's time to make the meat industry fiction!

Ending *all* live animal export is the right thing to do, the civilised thing to do.

I have been passionate about ending this cruel industry since 1996, when I first read about 67,000 sheep burning and drowning to death on the Uniceb in the Indian ocean. I couldn't fathom the terror and pain those poor animals felt, nor comprehend how we humans could possibly turn a blind eye to such horror. More shockingly, is it keeps happening, over 15 thousand sheep drown trapped in a sinking ship in Sudan in June 2022.

Kind regards

