

To Whom it May Concern

Thank you firstly for giving the Australian community an opportunity to give feedback on this very important issue.

The phase out of live sheep by ship needs to begin and end as soon as possible.

It has been allowed to go on for far too long; countless evidence has shown that it is a very cruel and inhumane trade.

I have witnessed first-hand the treatment and abuse of animals in middle eastern countries as I worked and travelled there for a number of years.

When I returned to Australia I was absolutely disgusted and ashamed when I learnt that my own country was sending animals to the Middle East.

A number of phone calls and letters fell on deaf ears and the trade went on.

I voted Labor in the last election because they said they would commit to the phase out and end the live sheep trade.

I was extremely hopeful the process would have well and truly started but here we are months from the election and it is still dragging on. Hopefully from now, the phase out will start and the trade will end as soon as possible.

My hope is the farmers and industries that are directly affected by its closure will be given the support they need by the Australian government by providing compensation and setting up industries here that will allow sheep to be processed at this end.

With the end of the trade, Australia's reputation as a fair and just nation will be restored and join other just countries like New Zealand who took the lead and said no to the shipment of live animals.

Hopefully, my faith and trust in the government that I voted for, will stand true and strong and abolish this trade for good. I certainly won't be voting for Labor ever again if they renege on this election promise.

Please stop this trade for good and please support and compensate farmers and related industries affected by the closure of it.

Regards

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