

31 May 2023

To whom it may concern,

I write this submission in support for the immediate phase out of live sheep export by sea.

As a member of the public and an animal lover I am really needing certainty that this trade will actually end and that the phase-out be legislated and commences in this term of parliament.

Of course there would be a considerable impact to Australia's farmers and I would hope that the government would supply appropriate support and framework for moving forwards.

I would hope that our reputation in a global community would be also be a key point. As an Australian I want our nation to be seen as fair and compassionate. Live trade certainly works against this branding. There is nothing fair or compassionate about this industry. While the phase out would be a huge transition for farmers and connected businesses, I believe it is possible. If New Zealand can do it than so can we!

In closing, it goes without saying that this trade is based in hundreds and thousands of innocent creatures suffering horrendously at sea and then slaughtered OS in unregulated and barbarically cruel circumstances. I would hope that somewhere within the deliberations that this fact never leaves the conversation.

Please accept this submission as the voice of one but representative of many Australians who care deeply about this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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