

## SUBMISSION - LIVE SHEEP EXPORT PHASE-OUT

Thank you for an opportunity to make a submission to the Panel. I wish to address the matter of setting an end date for this unethical trade.

I am pleased the Albanese Government has committed to end live sheep export. However, I know that many people voted for Labor because of this promise in the expectation that the commitment would be met during this term of government. I am dismayed and disappointed that Labor has caved in to pressure once again.

I am confident the Government can assist farmers with a just transition but it must be swift. Farmers have already had time to prepare: the writing has been on the wall for over a decade. They have known that the majority of Australians cannot countenance this inherently cruel trade. We understand there is no way it can be conducted humanely.

We have an obligation to our fellow creatures to treat them with compassion and respect. A marathon sea voyage through the tropics and unacceptable welfare standards of handling and slaughter overseas necessitate the expeditious end to the trade.

Please implement this phase out within the current term of the Albanese Government.

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