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END LIVE TRADE

Noone is saying that we must abolish the entire sheep industry. However, live trade is inherently cruel – and even when all regulations are followed, sheep still suffer heat stress at sea and painful un-stunned slaughter overseas.

Australians want certainty that this trade will end. The phase-out needs to be legislated and commenced in this term of parliament to ensure that it does actually happen and no matter who takes over – it will be finished. This change need to begin and end as soon as possible.

The people of Australia will always support their farmers and request that farmers to receive government support to help them to transition.

Australia's international reputation for trade is that we are a fair and compassionate nation and we should follow the lead of New Zealand's precedent in ending live export. Continuing to defending this trade undermines public trust in Australia's agricultural sector.

