

Dear Mr Glyde, Hon Snowden, Ms Middleton and Ms Neil

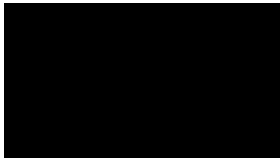
Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the phase out of live sheep exports by sea.

I support the phase out of live sheep exports from Australia. The export trade is cruel and unnecessary and it has gone on for too long. It is a shameful practice that Australia engages in, when other countries have stopped, and I am not proud of this as an Australian. There is a lot of unreliability and mistrust in producers and exporters when it comes to the wellbeing of sheep on export voyages, and there are countless and continuous breeches of ESCAS.

- I would like to see the live sheep exports **phase out legislated and implemented immediately**. New Zealand managed to phase out their cattle trade in two years, which is worth more than the Australian sheep trade. We can do the same, if not sooner.
- Failing this, the Government at the least needs to **set the end date for the phase out in this term of Parliament**. This provides assurance to the public that the Government is serious about its commitment and provides reliability to those in the industry who need to prepare for the phase out.
- I am **in favour of government subsidies** to help producers/farmers/exporters with the transition
- I am in favour of **diverse stakeholder engagement opportunities** to identify practical and forward thinking solutions for the phase out

I supported Labor at the last Federal election because of their promise to end the live sheep trade. Please make history Labor! Listen to the overwhelming voices of Australians who want this trade to end.

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