

PHASE OUT LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS BY SEA

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I along with most Australians, want this cruel and indefensible live export trade to end and as soon as possible. It must be legislated and commence in the current term of parliament and then the phase out begins and ends as soon as possible.

At the last election, for the first time I voted for this government because of this being one of their policies and believed it was a government who finally showed some compassion for animal welfare.

It saddens me that this phase out is dragging on with no definite finish date in sight and tarnishes Australia's international reputation as a compassionate nation. Look at our wonderful neighbour, New Zealand, who has finally ended live export, a historic moment for animal welfare and we should immediately do the same.

Government support should absolutely be given to farmers to help them to transition.

Please, please, please stop this terrible export trade where sheep suffer so badly during the voyage and then the despicable slaughter in the destination countries.

Yours sincerely



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