

To the Panel,

My name is Beryl and I am 92 years old. I am writing this submission as I would like nothing more than to see a phase out of live sheep exports.

I will address the TOR relating to the timeframe.

It is imperative that the Government get the phase out started during this first term of government. If this is not achieved thousands of sheep will suffer unnecessarily. Please make this a priority as it was an election promise and a big reason that Labor got my vote.

The live sheep trade is inherently cruel and it seems that none of the regulations implemented to mitigate the suffering have been effective. As a result Australia's international reputation relating to animal welfare has taken a battering.

NZ has ended all live animal export by sea in order to repair any damage to their international reputation and on the grounds of animal welfare. Brazil has also ended the trade on animal welfare grounds.

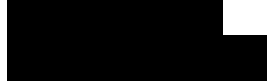
We are seriously lagging behind.

I urge you to get the phase out started as soon as possible. This is not something that farmers and industry have been given short notice of, they have had plenty of time to prepare for the this eventuation. Numbers of sheep exported are right down compared to years ago.

Please get it done.

Yours sincerely,

Beryl Sutton

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