

Thank you for this opportunity.

I support an expedited phase out of live sheep export for the following reasons:

Australia's reputation is at stake. Compared to New Zealand's precedent setting live export ban, Australia comes across as weak and lacking compassion;

Any defense of live export undermines public trust in the country's agriculture sector. It is time to support farmers to help in this transition and to end the trade;

As a final note, the fact is inescapable that sheep suffer greatly (in spite of regulations) due to heat stress and a cruel slaughter process at their final destination that Australia has no control over.