


Ms Delaine Nadri



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The Consultation Committee  
Australian Government  
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry

Re: Individual Submission  
Phasing Out of Live Sheep Exports from Australia

I am elated to see that the current Australian Government is committed to the total phase-out of the live export of sheep via sea transport. This action shows real leadership and says that you are actually (and finally) listening to the views of the Australian public in making this land-mark decision.

I have always believed this live trade to be one of the most horrendous and cruel industries in Australia. Whilst I support our agricultural and livestock industries as making a huge contribution to the Australian economy, I do not support the ongoing inexcusable suffering of these gentle animals, just in the name of 'making a buck'. The continued defence of the live export industry undermines the Australian peoples' confidence in the entire agricultural industry as a whole, as being one that coverts profits above all else. This is not the Australian way!

I have always believed that we can actually fully support our farmers and increase job opportunities in Australia by ensuring the animals are slaughtered and processed here, under strict animal-husbandry guidelines. This will certainly ensure our farmers continue to grow their industry, will provide jobs in animal processing plants, and most importantly give our livestock a humane ending to their lives.

The commitment to this phase-out will ensure we are seen on the global stage as a society that values compassion, 'doing the right thing', supporting those without a voice, challenging the status quo and that our Government is willing to stand up and support what their people want. You have listened to us, and you are now taking action to eliminate an industry that almost every Australian no longer supports. We can now proudly join our neighbour, New Zealand ! Perhaps other nations will now also join us in the fight to end this abhorrent trade globally. How wonderful to feel that we are now leading the world in the fight to give animals a more humane life.

I submit that we must end the live animal export trade immediately. Please do not delay in actioning this momentous decision. I understand that many, many people will be affected by this phase-out and I support the Government providing whatever support is needed in order to bring an end to this practice as quickly as possible.

To support our farmers, can the Government and industry bodies immediately look at contracting for the export of the 'end product', thus ensuring our farmers are not adversely affected by the phase out, our communities will profit by creating more slaughter and processing plans and trade by sea can continue – albeit with the end product, and not live animals. It cannot be difficult to implement

this so that we can maintain and even grow our humane and fully regulated meat industry to provide world-class products globally – including halal & kosher.

Again, I'm grateful that we are finally taking a stand and actioning the end to this most cruel industry.

Whatever the Government needs in order to support our country and its people to end this practice now, I will fully and publicly support.

Yours sincerely,  
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