



## **HORNSBY CONSERVATION SOCIETY INC.**



The Minister

Dept. Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Re: Have Your Say - Submission on Export of Live Sheep.

Dear Minister.

Our Society supports the phase out of live sheep export. We want certainty that this trade will end and that the phase will be legislated and passed by this government in this term as soon as possible.

The trade is inherently cruel. We are aware of the terrible stress and suffering leading to death that many of these animals are subjected to by overseas shipping. It is understood that many of these animals are shipped unshorn and subject to tropical heat, overcrowding, and unhealthy putrid conditions. Also of concern is that live sheep are painfully slaughtered inhumanely on reaching their destination.

We ask that parliament give this matter its full consideration during this term and that a satisfactory solution be found quickly. We understand that during the transition period markets are to be found and that problems may be involved with associated industries. The only solution that seems reasonable is to expand domestic processing to ensure that sheep exports are met possibly

close to the embarkation points. The transition period should be as short as possible and farmers be provided with financial assistance to avoid hardship during the transition period.

We had looked forward to humane conditions being applied to the export trade export industry on the election of this government, and hope that an appropriate solution be found before the end of the term.

Yours sincerely.

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Secretary

16/5/2023