

I agree with Animals Australia that live sheep export should be phased out as quickly as possible. It is a very cruel industry, and anyone who thinks about it even for a moment must know in their own heart that the industry should not be supported in a civilised society in 2023.

I agree that farmers should receive financial support from the government to help them to transition away from this industry.

In years to come people will look back on things like this in the same way that people now look back on what the Nazis did to Jews and other minorities in the 1940's. New Zealand has taken the decision to end live export, and they will be regarded in years to come as exemplifying compassion to the world. I think this is likely to be in their long term financial interest as well as their reputational interest.

I might mention that I have written several times to my local federal MP about live export, and I have not received a satisfactory response from him. He is a senior member of the Liberal party, and it is obviously difficult for him to say anything constructive about live export. But I supported Labor at the last election largely because I think their attitude to live export is more humane than that of the present opposition.