

SUBMISSION ON ENDING LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS

I wish to submit the following in support off the phase out of live sheep exports:

The phase out needs to be implemented as soon as possible for the following reasons:

- The longer the phase out , the greater the continuing damage to the reputation of the agricultural sector and more widely to Australia as a trading nation;
- Arguments that a delayed the implementation is necessary are unsustainable as the example of New Zealand's ban demonstrates how quickly it can be achieved.
- The public wants the suffering to end and voters' intentions were made clear at the last election that this should be undertaken immediately. Most people want to see the farmers impacted fairly, but not lavishly, compensated.