



May 25, 2023

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
Live Sheep Export Phase-out Consultation
GPO Box 858
Canberra ACT 2601

Subject: Submission on Live Sheep Export Phase-out

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my support for the phase-out of live sheep export by sea, as outlined in the public consultation on the logistics and timeframe of this important transition. I believe that the live export of sheep by sea is inherently cruel and that it is imperative to prioritize animal welfare by bringing an end to this practice as soon as possible.

The phase-out of live sheep export must be initiated promptly and completed within the shortest timeframe achievable. Every delay in implementing this transition prolongs the unnecessary suffering endured by these animals, from the distress of sea transport to the harrowing reality of fully conscious slaughter in importing countries. It is our moral obligation to protect and prioritize the well-being of these sentient beings.

I strongly support the government's commitment to ending the live export trade and urge that this phase-out be legislated during this term of parliament. Certainty is crucial, as it will provide reassurance to Australians and demonstrate our nation's commitment to compassion and ethical standards. Additionally, I believe it is essential to allocate sufficient resources to support farmers in their transition away from live



sheep export. Government assistance programs and financial support can aid in facilitating this shift while ensuring the livelihoods of farmers are protected.


Australia's international reputation as a fair and compassionate nation is at stake, and the continuation of live sheep export undermines public trust in our agricultural sector. Countries like New Zealand have set a precedent by ending live export, and we should follow suit to uphold our reputation as a responsible and humane nation. I encourage the government to consider the impact of this trade on our global standing and recognize the potential for expanding domestic processing and increasing sheep meat exports as viable alternatives.

Furthermore, I would like to highlight the importance of addressing animal welfare concerns associated with the live sheep export trade. Even when all regulations are followed, sheep experience heat stress during sea transport, which is both distressing and detrimental to their well-being. Additionally, the painful un-stunned slaughter that occurs overseas is unacceptable and incompatible with our values as a society. It is crucial to emphasize that the inherent cruelty of this trade cannot be mitigated by regulations alone, and the only viable solution is to phase it out entirely.

As a concerned member of the community, I commend the government for taking action to end the live export of sheep by sea. I supported Labor in the last election due to their commitment to this policy, and I appreciate the government's efforts to follow through on this promise. I hope that my submission, along with the collective voice of concerned citizens, will contribute to a positive and expeditious resolution to this issue.

Thank you for considering my views on this matter. I trust that the government will give due attention to the importance of animal welfare and take decisive action to bring an end to live sheep export by sea. I eagerly await the outcomes of this consultation process and remain hopeful for a more compassionate future for these vulnerable animals.

Yours sincerely,

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Clinical Psychologist

