

The government announced before the last election that live sheep exports would end. Sheep exporters have had a year now to make accommodations for a necessary transition. The start of this transition should not begin with the announcement of an end date for live sheep exports.

The government should legislate now and end date for the trade and that end date should be in this term of government. The government cannot guarantee a second term and if not in government next term the whole process can be undone.