

To The Panel Considering the Phase Out of the Live Export of Sheep

I urge the panel to recommend this trade be phased out at the earliest opportunity.

Not only the shipping conditions but the slaughtering of these sentient animals has resulted in widespread community disgust and disapproval of the trade.

Australia's international reputation is tarnished by this trade. Alternatives such as chilled meat exist and these would result in more jobs here in Australia. Farmers could and should be compensated for any financial losses they incur during the transition.

I understand animal welfare is not being considered by the panel, however it underpins the thrust of the phase out and cannot be ignored.

Any delay will result in more community disquiet about the trade and this concern should be considered as relevant.

I thank you for your consideration of my concerns,

Yours sincerely

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