

My submission to end live sheep export now.

As a concerned community citizen, (and daughter of a farmer) I commend the government's commitment to phase out live sheep export ***as soon as possible***. My wish is the phase-out be legislated and commenced as soon as possible – in this term of parliament.

Just as forestry workers and other industries, have received government support to help them to transition in different times, I support farmers also receiving support to transition.

New Zealand has led the way in ending live animal export. I believe many Australians are a kind and compassionate people, and want this trade ended as soon as possible too.

While we are told by some, that the live sheep export companies have improved the care of animals on these export ships, sheep (and all animals), still **feel fear and pain**; and are subjected to inexcusable suffering. And we don't know the full extent of how they are treated once they arrive at their overseas destinations.

While the welfare of sheep are my main reason for writing this submission; I also live in a community (Fremantle) that is affected by the **noise** of overloaded trucks carrying live animals to and from the Port; and at times the **smell** of fear in the faeces of the terrified animals. The noise of the overloaded trucks often continues from the early hours of the morning and throughout the night. It is time for this barbaric trade to end as soon as possible!

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