

Personal Submission

Live Sheep Export

CONGRATULATIONS to the current Federal Government on its decision to end live sheep export however it is absolutely essential that the decision is legislated with an end date during this term of parliament.

As indicated in my original submission of 28 Jan 2022 I totally support the Federal Governments decision to ban live exports of Australian sheep.

New Zealand has already implemented such legislation, It is vitally important Australia is not left behind in such an important animal welfare issue so I, as a concerned member of the community, urge you to ensure the appropriate legislation is introduced and passed by Federal Parliament before the end of this current term.

TIMEFRAME FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Failure to implement the ban at the earliest opportunity will not only prolong uncertainty for Australian farmers but will further damage our international reputation and subject countless more sheep to unacceptable consequences.

Given that the industry has been aware of the Federal Governments intent to ban live export by sea for some time I suggest a minimum of **five years** from the date the appropriate legislation is passed by Federal Parliament for full implementation of the ban.

RESULTING OPPORTUNITIES

Implementation of the ban will provide an excellent opportunity to revitalise the Australian domestic livestock slaughter industry currently in serious decline thus creating employment opportunities.

COMPENSATION

Although I firmly believe it is essential the appropriate legislation is implemented at the earliest opportunity it is equally important that farmers, and the industry, receive government support and compensation to help them transition during what will be a difficult period.

THANK YOU for providing me with the opportunity to express my opinion on this important animal welfare matter.

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