

Submission to Phase Out Live Sheep Exports by Sea

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Attention: The Panel
Phase Out Live Sheep Export by Sea

Re: Submission to Phase Out Live Sheep Export by Sea

My name is Maria and I am writing this submission as I am passionate about animal welfare. I am concerned about the delayed response by the Albanese government to phase out live sheep export by sea due to animal welfare concerns.

A commitment was made by the Albanese government to phase out live sheep export by sea and I would like to see this phase out commence in this term of government with an end date in sight. Australian sheep are suffering horrendously on these live export vessels from extreme temperatures, overcrowding, filthy conditions and even death. A fate even worse than death awaits these poor souls that are lucky enough to survive the gruelling journey. With little or no animal welfare standards in place, Australian sheep are brutally slaughtered often while fully conscious.

I would like to see Australia move into expanding domestic processing facilities which would create more jobs for Australians and benefit our economy. I believe the move to exporting chilled or frozen meats is the way of the future.

Thank you for allowing me to include my submission and I hope to have a favourable response at the end of this inquiry.

Maria Natoli

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