

I am calling on you, as the acting government to set a date for the phasing out of the live sheep export trade by ship. This has been promised for some time and backed by the majority of Australians. Each day there is a delay means that more sheep suffer, more farmers are left in limbo and trade partners are left wondering what on earth the Australians are dithering about.

Sheep are sentient beings. If you have read any articles on animal intelligence in the last 10 years, you would know that the pain and suffering caused by this trade is immense. As humans, we do our reputations no favours by allowing this abuse and pretending that the end result makes it worth it. Even children know better.

The time to act is now. Yes, it will be a big change, but if you don't set a time line you are only procrastinating and making the change more difficult. Once a date is set, the details of how the industry will adjust can start to take place. This issue has been in the news for YEARS. Sort it now and move on to something else.

Thank you for your time

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