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On-line Submission to Commonwealth Government on Consultation to End Live Sheep Export

Dear Panel

I am strongly in favour of the soonest possible end to the live export industry.

I live in the [REDACTED] Victoria and the ALP's stated election commitment to follow through on this was a decisive factor in my vote at the most recent federal election.

The industry should be provided with the earliest and clearest possible dates for a complete phase out of the trade. This should be accompanied with targeted and proportionate transitional assistance.

Most businesses understand and deal with markets opening and closing and for customers that come and go. Ending live export is no different. It is a market to which our sheep growers should no longer have access. This is not about shutting down livestock agriculture nor of meat production in Australia (though I think we can do so much better across all parts of the supply chain when it comes to standards of animal management). This is simply about shutting down the means of supply to a market which is unnecessarily cruel.

I commend the Government's work in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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