

Dear Inquiry,

It is brilliant that the Federal Government have convened a committee to make recommendations on the phase out of Live Sheep Export by sea.

The Australian community wants this cruel practise to end asap. It would be great, if the Live sheep export could be started and ended in this term of government.

There does need to be Government assistance e.g. benefits, retraining etc to help the farmers. The farmers are doing the right thing by the community be ceasing the live export and we need to support them in the transition.

The export of live sheep by sea has always been problematic as there is no oversight once the sheep board the ship. Often regulations setup to ensure animal welfare are not followed resulting in heat stress at sea and we have seen videos of painful slaughter of sheep overseas.

I voted for Labour and appreciate the party following through on it's commitment.

Regards,
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