

I support the phase out of live sheep export by sea. The majority of Australians want certainty that this trade will end and that the phase-out needs to be legislated as soon as possible.

I support the provision of government support for sheep farmers to help them to transition.

Australia's international reputation has suffered because of the continuance of this cruel trade and public trust in the agricultural sector has also been undermined.

Personally, I voted Labor in the last Federal Election because of their professed commitment to putting an end to this trade.

There is no doubt that transporting animals in this way for long periods of time causes immense suffering, the trade is inherently cruel and even when all regulations are followed, sheep still endure heat stress at sea and painful un-stunned slaughter overseas.

I would like to request the Panel to expedite the end of this trade as soon as possible, thank you.

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