

## Phase out of live sheep export by sea – A Submission

I congratulate the Albanese government on having the courage to phase out live export of sheep. The reasons to put an end to this awful business are many and include:

- The horrors of the boat travel in extreme conditions
- Lack of access to basic necessities such as water and comfort
- The sheep enduring a distressing journey, watching many sheep die on the way
- Upon arrival at their destination more horrors ensue
- The most terrifying journey to an abattoir such as being tied to the roof of a car or shoved in the boot of a car – all of this in >40 degree heat
- The abattoir itself would have been the final terror – no stunning and a lot of cruelty involving a slow, painful and fearful death
- Many ships have been known to capsize, sink, have fires, mechanical failures and rough weather, all resulting in sheep deaths and/or more suffering

There are simply no good reasons to continue such a cruel business in the name of economics.

Such a horrible export business has been a shame on our international reputation especially since we are known to be the country that believes in a "fair go" and having compassion. Our neighbour New Zealand banned live sheep export through legislation which came into effect on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. Wouldn't it be great for Australia to have an end date within the same year?

I am concerned, however, that there is no legislation of this phase-out, and this will only start up again when a change of government occurs. It is imperative that the end of the live sheep export industry is legislated in the current term of the Albanese government. The beginning and ending of the phase-out also need firm dates that are legislated too.

I understand farmers will be distressed and concerned about their livelihood being negatively impacted and for this reason I believe farmers should receive government support to assist with their transition into a different business.

Yours sincerely

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