

Live Sheep Exports by Sea  
Submission to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

My name is Stephanie Jones and I live in [REDACTED]. I am a public health practitioner and academic. I love nature, our wildlife and animals. I volunteer for a number of animal and environmental groups in Victoria. There are many comments I could make about the live sheep trade by sea, but I wish to focus on one, and that is the timing of the proposed phase out.

I fully support the phase out of the live sheep trade. This trade is cruel; the journey, the conditions of that journey and their death in countries that have no regard or respect for animal welfare, let alone laws. Considering what we know today about animal sentience, animal intelligence and their lived experience, it is quite abhorrent that we continue to treat them this way. I am disappointed that despite promising the phase out of the trade, that this government cannot commence this process until a future term of government, that may or may not happen. Covid has shown us that governments can respond quickly and effectively if the desire is there. I beseech this government to do everything possible to end the live sheep trade as soon as possible, ideally in this term of government.

Yours faithfully,

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