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Ending Live Sheep Export

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The commitment by the Australian Government to phase out live export of sheep by sea is greatly welcomed.

The phase-out must begin as soon as possible. The phase-out needs to be short so that the end of live export of sheep by sea can be as soon as possible.

Live sheep export is cruel and the animals suffer dreadfully. The animals are slaughtered fully conscious at the countries where they are sent.

In view of that, it is totally inexcusable for Australia to continue to be part of this trade and the end of it cannot be soon enough.

The Australian Government should legislate the phase-out during this term of parliament to begin immediately and end rapidly.

I would support the government to give some support to farmers to help in the transition.

As an Australian, it is embarrassing that our country is involved in this cruel trade. It deeply affects our reputation as a nation that cares about cruelty to animals. How can we trust our agricultural sector when such a cruel trade exists?