

I do not support live sheep exports and I totally support the phase-out as soon as possible. I want certainty that live sheep exports will end and that the phase-out be legislated and commences in this term of parliament. While I want live exports to end, I also support farmers receiving some sort of government support to help them transition. In particular, the government could examine and support farmers to move to a different system of sustainable farming. As you know, New Zealand has now committed to ending live export and I would expect Australia to do the same. Exporting live animals is extremely cruel and even though regulations have been improved, animals still suffer needlessly. There is no sure fire way of monitoring overseas slaughter and leaked video has shown animals are slaughtered in painful and disgusting ways. I urge you to phase out live sheep exports in this term of parliament.

Thank you,

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