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Submission to the Phase out of live sheep exports by sea.

Dear Expert Panel Members,

This current decision by the Albanese government to end live sheep exports from Australia indeed reflects current and future Australian expectations. These expectations have been evidenced in the 100,000's of individuals who have signed petitions and made submissions to their local federal members of parliament as well as the Ministers for agriculture both federal and state. This animal welfare issue is widespread and will not go away.

I support the submissions made by Animals Australia and RSPCA Australia with reference to the ending of live sheep exports.

In particular, I urge the Panel to bring in the legislation AND the commencement of the phase-out in THIS term of parliament.

I urge the Panel to legislate for a SHORT TIME FRAME phase-out period, so that this abhorrent practice is ended quickly.

This phase-out has been a long time coming and ALL the affected parties have known of it and have had the opportunity to commence planning for the change. There is NO need to have a long term phase-out period.

Australia's international reputation is a reflection of our actions.

Please consider the suffering of each individual animal and give them a humane path to their death, not the cruelty as is currently the case. They are sentient beings and deserve to be protected from the vileness of the profit motive of the exporters.

Animal welfare should be a priority for the industry.

I will await the results of the Panel.

Kind regards,

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