

I support the phase-out of live sheep export by sea ending as soon as possible and certainly in Labor's first term of office. I understand that the phase-out will inevitably impact sheep farmers, exporters and other businesses across the live export supply chain and for this reason I support the government supplying support to help these businesses transition away from live sheep export.

I believe that live sheep export is inherently cruel and entirely indefensible. Even when all regulations are followed, sheep suffer very distressing and sometimes fatal heat stress at sea and then endure horrifically cruel fully-conscious slaughter overseas. I know that many members of the Australian public agree with me. Many people voted for Labor in the 2022 Federal election because of Labor's promise to end live sheep export and these same people are beginning to feel very let down by the lack of progress in this space. Every delay to the end of live export results in more sheep being subjected to inexcusable suffering

In April 2023 New Zealand set a precedent by ending the live export of sheep and cows. Also in April of this year a Brazilian court ruled that no live cattle can be exported from Brazil, on animal welfare grounds. Please join with these countries in ending the live export of animals for slaughter overseas and demonstrate to the world that the majority of Australian people are compassionate and do not believe that any sentient being should suffer the unconscionable, prolonged suffering that is embodied in live export.

