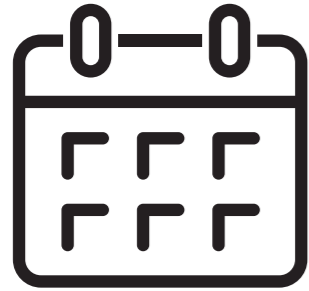


# Phase out of live sheep exports by sea — transition plan



Live sheep exports by sea will end on 1 May 2028



**\$107 million** over 5 years in transition support committed



Legislation to be introduced in this term of government

## Commitment



- Election commitment made to sufficiently meet Australian community expectations for sheep welfare

## Certainty



- The government provides certainty by announcing:
  - the phase out date for Australia's live sheep exports by sea
  - the phase out will be legislated
  - the release of the panel report and government response
  - trade may continue without caps or quotas until the trade ceases

## Time



- The government has taken time to get the right balance
- For those impacted, there is time to plan and adapt
- Early action will support resilience and position individuals, businesses and communities to:
  - plan and alter on-farm practices
  - develop markets for sheep products
  - increase onshore processing
  - secure and train workers
  - access support and funding

## Transition Support



- \$107 million over 5 years available from 2024-25 to assist those impacted:
  - \$64.6 million to support sheep producers and the supply chain, particularly in WA
  - \$27 million to enhance demand within Australia and internationally for sheep products
  - \$2.6 million to continue improving sheep welfare standards
  - \$1.7 million to appoint a Transition Advocate
  - \$11.1 million for implementation and engagement
- Leverage existing whole of government initiatives:
  - ACCC reviews
  - employment programs, including for First Nations people
  - programs to re-skill and up-skill
  - migration, and labour conditions
  - mental health support

## Transition Oversight



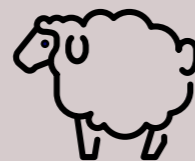
- Appointment of a Transition Advocate
- Monitoring of the transition will occur via a stocktake in 2026-27

## Advice

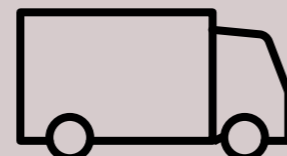


- Appointment of an independent panel and public consultation
- The panel undertook an extensive national consultation process:
  - more than 2,000 people attended WA forums
  - more than 330 people attended virtual forums
  - almost 100 stakeholder meetings were held
  - 800+ written submissions and 3300+ unique survey responses were received
- The panel made – in its report to the government – 28 recommendations focused on individuals, businesses, communities, trade and animal welfare

## Animal Welfare



Continued regulation of live sheep exports



Funding for reviewing the standards and guidelines for land transport of sheep



Enhanced engagement in the World Organisation for Animal Health



**\$77m**

ABS value of live sheep exports by sea from Australia in 2022-23



**\$4.5b**

ABS value of Australian sheep meat exports in 2022-23



**\$3.5b**

MLA estimate of value of domestic retail markets of sheep meat 2022