



## Have your say on the phase out of live sheep exports by sea

The Australian Government has committed to the phase out of live sheep exports from Australia by sea. The phase out policy will not apply to other live animal export industries, such as live cattle exports or live sheep exports by air.

The government intends to implement the phase out in a way that provides certainty to those impacted, minimises disruption and maximises opportunities.

The phase out will not happen during the current term of the Australian Parliament. This will provide time for individuals and businesses to adapt and prepare for the phase out.

### Consultation is open

We encourage everyone impacted by, or that has an interest in the phase out of live sheep exports by sea to participate in the consultation process. Your feedback will help to inform how and when the Australian Government will implement the phase out.

An independent panel has been established to consult with stakeholders, including farmers, exporters, businesses across the supply chain, animal welfare organisations, communities, Indigenous Australians, state and territory governments and trading partners.

The panel will undertake face-to-face consultation across Australia, deliver virtual forums, and seek and consider written submissions.

### Your views are important

We want to hear what the phase out means for you. We are seeking input on:

- how the government should phase out live sheep exports by sea
- the timeframe to implement the phase out
- how the phase out will impact exporters, farmers and other businesses across the supply chain
- support and adjustment options for those impacted by the phase out
- opportunities, including options to expand domestic processing and increase sheep meat exports.

Consultation will not consider the merits or otherwise of the government's policy to phase out live sheep exports by sea.

The panel will present their recommendations to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry by 30 September 2023 for the government's consideration.

### Have your say

For more information about the phase out of live sheep exports by sea, and opportunities to participate in the consultation, visit [haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/Live-Sheep-Phase-Out](https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/Live-Sheep-Phase-Out).

To request a meeting with the panel, please email [livesheep.phaseout@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:livesheep.phaseout@agriculture.gov.au).