1. For each option, what would be the benefits to and impacts on you, your organisation and the community? Please provide any supporting evidence or data that would aid in the assessment of impacts under each option.

None of the ‘policy option ideas’ proposed come close to meeting community expectations of ending the blight on our national moral standing that is live export. Live export footage is having a catastrophic impact on Australia’s reputation and the community’s view of the government, and the majority of Australians support a complete ban: “Almost two-thirds of Australians surveyed by Vote Compass agree that live animal exports should be banned” (see: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-04-26/vote-compass-live-exports-almost-two-thirds-support-ban/11046230)

The complete and indefinite banning of live export like more enlightened countries like New Zealand and many others is the only ethically responsible approach, given overwhelming evidence of suffering aboard live export ships that no compassionate person could ignore or set aside in favour of ‘economic interests’. However, amongst the options proposed, a prohibition is most reasonable, to at least reduce suffering in the meantime, before this trade is eventually banned.

2. Is there a policy option not stated here that would both support a sustainable live sheep export trade and meet the high animal welfare standards expected by the Australian community?

The way you have worded this question is nefarious, providing no way for someone to suggest banning live export since it will not ‘support a live sheep export trade’. I am screenshotting it to show as an example of appalling bias in a history class. Banning live export is the only option to meet the high animal welfare standards expected by the Australian community. “Almost two-thirds of Australians surveyed by Vote Compass agree that live animal exports should be banned” (see: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-04-26/vote-compass-live-exports-almost-two-thirds-support-ban/11046230)

3. We are developing an information base to support ongoing analysis and improvements to the regulation of live export voyages to the Middle East. The collection of deck environmental data on board voyages is one aspect of this. What other data should we consider collecting?

Would appreciate seeing data on the money being made by individuals directly profiting from this trade, so they can be held up as examples in the future the way we hold up slave owners to account today. Personal financial interests and profits do not make it right.