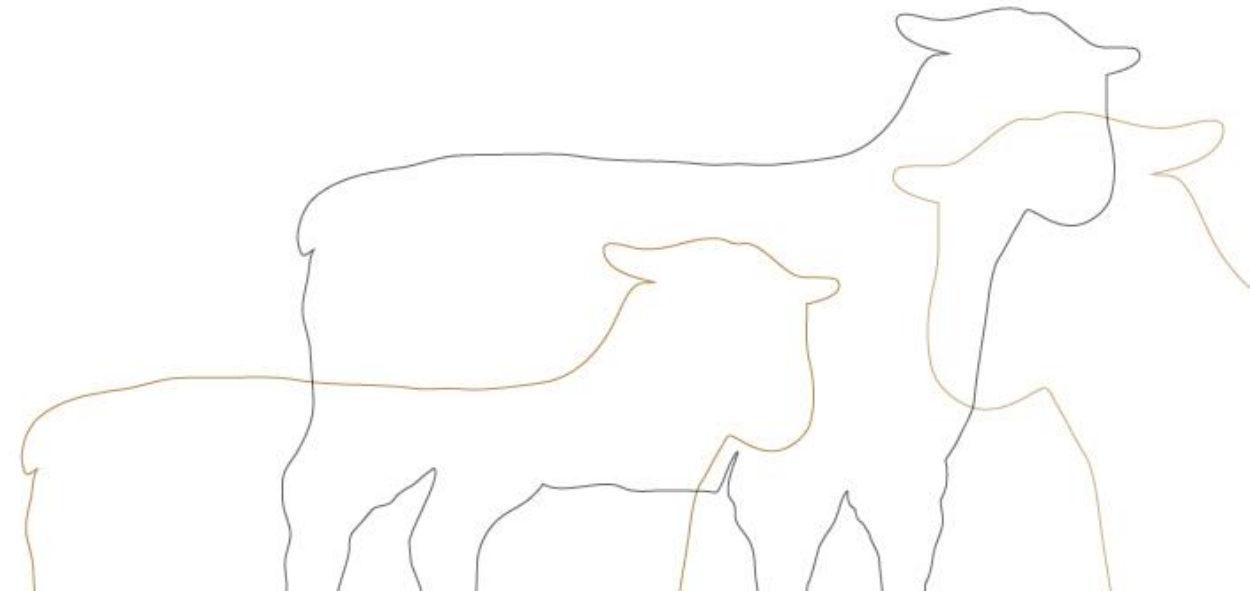


# Voices of Live Sheep Export

## Submission Preparation Webinar



THIS WEBINAR IS A JOINT INITIATIVE



# What we will cover

- Where we are at – context & background
- Industry's response
- How to complete a written submission to the consultation process
- Discussion on written submissions – Q & A
- How to engage outside of written submissions
- Support available

# Background

- Since 2018, the industry and its regulatory framework has undergone significant change, demonstrating the industry's unwavering commitment to improve. The changes have also delivered exemplary animal welfare performance.
- The Labor government announced if elected it would phase out live sheep exports in consultation with industry
- 5 March 2023 the Minister confirmed commencement of formal consultation and the appointment of an independent panel
- Panel meetings commenced in April

## What is industry's position

- Peak industry bodies, national farming organisations, and state farming organisations oppose the policy to phase out live sheep exports.
- Industry is advocating for a change to this policy based on evidence and contemporary experience.



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# What are industry bodies doing

- Political engagement – federal and state governments
- Media engagement
- Social Media Education
- Faces of Live Export Campaign
- Vessel Tours
- Preparation of submissions
- Tools to support supply chain participants to engage
- Legal implications of trade phase out
- Data and evidence
- Industry support

## Government consultation

- The Australian Government's formal consultation has commenced to inform how and when the Albanese Government will fulfil its election commitment to phase out live sheep exports by sea.
- The government has also asked for industry wide submissions to be made and these will be received until 31 May 2023.
- When government calls for submissions – industry must respond

# What can you do – how to make your voice heard

## 1. Written submissions to the consultation

## 2. Actions outside of submission process

- Political advocacy / write to politicians
- Traditional media – letters to the editor
- Social media



# 1. Written submissions

A written submission outlining your opposition to the policy and how the phase out would impact you and what a future would look like without live sheep export

<https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/live-sheep-phase-out>

## Options for written submissions:

- A) Answer questions in the online form
- B) Upload a full written submission in a word or PDF document

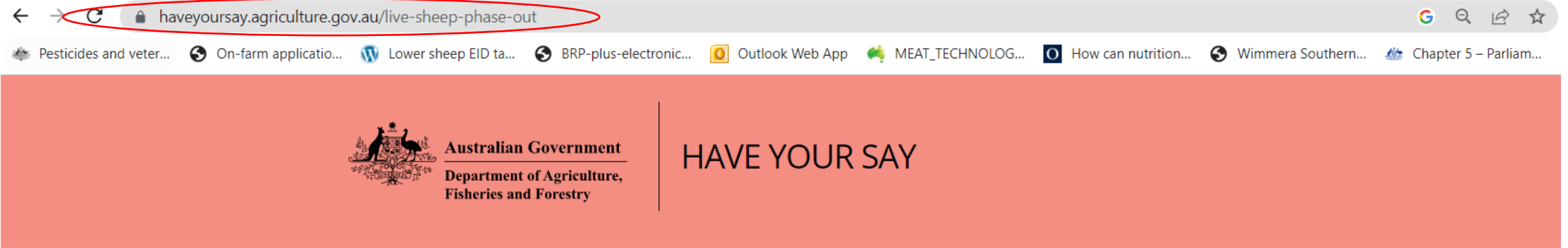
# 1. Written submissions

Consultation paper and consultation questions include:

- Mechanism – how & why
- Timeframe – reasons for proposing this timeframe
- Impact and adjustment – how this will impact you, your community & regional economy, lessons learnt from others
- Opportunities

# 1. Written submissions - how to write

- Written submissions should respond to the consultation paper. This includes answering some of or all of the questions where possible
- Submissions should focus on the impact to you, your business and or, your industry sector if the phase out policy was to be implemented
- Be factual and use real examples from your personal experience and business
- Include actionable recommendations
- Short and focused



1. Go to:

haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/live-sheep-phase-out

## Phase out of live sheep exports by sea



The Australian Government has committed to phasing out live sheep exports from Australia by sea.

The phase out will not take place during this current term of the Australian Parliament. This will provide time for individuals and businesses to adapt and prepare for a transition away from live sheep exports by sea.



An [independent panel](#) has been established to consult with impacted and interested stakeholders. The panel will provide advice on how and when the government will phase out live sheep exports by sea.

### 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

#### Public virtual forums

Join our public virtual forums on the phase out of live sheep exports by sea.

Two broadcast sessions and 6 discussion forums will be conducted by the independent panel on **Friday 12 May and Monday 15 May 2023.**

The broadcast sessions are intended for a large audience to hear from the panel. The discussion forums support engagement with targeted stakeholder groups of up to 200 attendees.

To attend, please visit [agriculture.gov.au/live-sheep-phase-out/](https://agriculture.gov.au/live-sheep-phase-out/) and follow the prompts under consultation to register for a free ticket to a broadcast session, and/or your stakeholder group's discussion forum.

2. Scroll down



### 3. Read the consultation Paper by clicking the link

The phase out does not apply to other livestock export industries, such as live cattle exports, nor does it apply to live sheep exports by air.

#### Have Your Say

Your views will help to inform planning for the phase out of live sheep exports by sea.

To have your say:

- read the [consultation paper](#)
- provide your feedback using our online form.

Submit your feedback by **AEST 10 pm, Wednesday 31 May 2023.**

You can also register to follow this project for updates by clicking on the 'Subscribe' button.

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

### 4. When you are ready to make your submission click on 'submit feedback'

Submissions

#### Phase out of live sheep exports by sea

Welcome. We invite you to provide your feedback on the phase out of live sheep exports by sea. You can use this form to answer questions and/or upload a submission.

Submissions close at **AEST 10 pm, Wednesday 31 May 2023.**

**SUBMIT FEEDBACK**

- **Consultation opens**  
3 March 2023
- **Written submissions closes**  
31 May 2023
- **Independent panel reports to Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**  
September 2023
- **Independent panel report released**  
Late 2023 / early 2024
- **Develop implementation plan for the phase out of live sheep exports by sea**  
From 2024

#### Consultation paper

Consultation paper - Phase out of live sheep exports by sea (237 KB) (pdf)

Consultation paper - Phase out of live sheep exports by sea (746 KB) (docx)

## 5. Fill in the 'About you' Section:

- Name
- Email & Phone
- Who you are answering on behalf of (individual or organisation)
- What sector you're in
- What state you live in & postcode

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Survey starts Finish

**All fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are required.**

**About you**  
Please fill in your details. This information will help us understand more about you and your views. We will not publish it on the website.

1. First name

Please add your comment here... 0/255

2. Last name

Please add your comment here... 0/255

## 6. Once you have completed your information click 'Save and Continue'

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7. Select how you would like to provide your feedback –

a) Upload a written submission or

b) Answer questions

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Survey starts Finish

All fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are required.

**Your feedback**

The following questions are intended as a guide only. You are invited to cover all questions or only some, depending on your interests. You may also provide more general comments.

9. How would you like to provide feedback?  
Select either or both options: \*

Upload a submission

Answer questions

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## \*If you select Upload a Submission:

- Select your document by clicking 'choose file'
- This will open your computers files and folders for you to select your file

9. How would you like to provide feedback?

Select either or both options: \*

Upload a submission

Answer questions

10. Upload a submission

If you are making an anonymous submission, remove personal information from the documents you upload.

CHOOSE FILE

11. Upload supporting documents

CHOOSE FILE

12. Upload another document

CHOOSE FILE

Once you have uploaded your files click 'Save and Continue'

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\*If you select Answer Questions, the questions will automatically appear below the tick box.

- Type your response into the boxes provided to respond to the questions you would like to answer



9. How would you like to provide feedback?

Select either or both options: \*

Upload a submission

Answer questions

10. **Mechanism**

How should the government implement the phase out of live sheep exports by sea? What mechanism should be used and why?

Please add your comment here...

11. **Timeframe**

*The Australian Government has stated the phase out will not take place during this term of the Australian Parliament.*

What would be an appropriate timeframe to phase out live sheep exports by sea? What are your reasons for proposing this timeframe?

Please add your comment here...

12. **Impact and adjustment**

Will you or your business be impacted by the phase out of live sheep exports by sea?

Once you have answered your questions, click 'Save and Continue'

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8. Choose whether you would like your response to be confidential, and whether you want it publicly available on the Department's website with all other public submissions

## Phase out of live sheep exports by sea

Survey starts

Finish



All fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are required.

Privacy and confidentiality

13. Is your response confidential? \*

- No
- Yes, all of it
- Yes, part of it

14. Do you agree to your response being published on our website? \*

- Yes
- No

## Privacy notice

'Personal information' means information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable.

We are collecting your personal information (as defined in the Privacy Act 1988) for the purposes of the consultation on the phase out of live sheep exports by sea and related purposes. If you do not provide some or all of the personal information requested, we will be unable to contact you to discuss or respond to your submission.

The department may disclose your personal information on our website, to parliament, other Australian agencies, persons or organisations where necessary for these purposes, provided the disclosure is consistent with relevant laws, in particular the Privacy Act 1988. Your personal information will be used and stored in accordance with the [Privacy Principles](#).

See our [Privacy Policy](#) to learn more about accessing or correcting personal information or making a complaint. Alternatively, email the department at [Privacy@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:Privacy@agriculture.gov.au) or phone us on +61 2 6272 3933.

## 9. Confirm acknowledgement of privacy notice

16. Confirm that you have read and understand this privacy notice. \*

Yes

## 10. Confirm acknowledgement of declaration

## 11. Agree to the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy

## 12. Click 'Submit'

You can enter your email and a preferred screen name if you want to register to the Have Your Say platform.

To be completed by the person submitting the response.

I understand that:

- the Australian Government reserves the right to refuse to publish submissions, or parts of submissions, that contain offensive language, potentially defamatory material or copyright infringing material
- a request may be made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) for access to my submission, including if it is marked confidential. Such requests will be determined in accordance with provisions of the FOI Act
- if I provide personal information about an individual other than myself, I must make that person aware of the privacy notice in this form and draw their attention to the department's privacy policy
- in lodging this submission, I grant the Commonwealth a permanent, irrevocable, royalty-free world-wide, non-exclusive licence to use, copy, reproduce, adapt, communicate and exploit all or any of the material contained in it
- in lodging a submission, I warrant that to the best of my knowledge, I have not infringed any third-party Intellectual Property Rights.

17. Confirm that you have read and understand this declaration. \*

 Yes

You are about to submit your response. By clicking 'Submit' you give us permission to analyse and include your response in our results.

After you click Submit, you will no longer be able to go back and change any of your answers.

I agree to the [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#) for using Engagement HQ

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# Examples of issues you can talk about

- Regional community impacts – family farming businesses, communities and services – schools, shops and retail, medical facilities, sporting clubs etc.
- Impacts on associated supply chain businesses, e.g.
  - Demand for shearers
  - Pregnancy scanning businesses
  - Stock handling contractors
  - Regional jobs
- Market competition and market prices
- Farm resilience – managing climate and seasonal variation, land management practices and whole of farm risk management strategy
- Decrease to WA sheep flock
- Decline in Australian wool production

# Discussion

- Mark Harvey-Sutton CEO Australian Livestock Exporters Council
- Bindi Murray - Director Sheep Producers Australia
- Stephen Bolt - Director at The Livestock Collective

## 2. Actions outside of submission process

Why you do not support the phase out of live sheep exports by sea and why the policy should be reversed:

- Political advocacy / write to politicians
- Traditional media – letters to the editor in metropolitan and regional papers
- Social media
  
- Your correspondence should be respectful and focused on the issue – not the person
- Tell your story and what it means for you and your community
  
- Proformas available

## Next steps

You will receive an email with the recording, this presentation and more information.

Let us know if you want another webinar on this process or on political engagement.





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