

Heat Policy sheep on boat transport to Middle East from Australia

My comments are

Welfare of the transported animal is of PRIMARY concern.

All other arrangements must comply with the conditions which regulate animal welfare

If transport is unable to provide suitable conditions, then transport does not go ahead.

I notice the responses of the industry mention the welfare of the humans [ farmers, transporters, etc etc ] occupied by the export industry, yet no comment or consideration is offered to the animals.

Ships should be fitted with sensors which say hourly transmit conditions on board to a non industry regulator.

One trip which reports a minor degree beyond welfare levels generates a notice

A second trip generates a warning, which is made public

A third trip causes loss of licence for one year for the ship, the exporter and the farmers who supplied the sheep.

The third item will have the desired effect!!

Any trip which reports a major elevation beyond welfare will result in sanction 3