

I would like to have Option 1 as the standard applied to this industry. My reasons for this choice are as follows

#It gives the industry maximum flexibility to lower sheep numbers as food and water supplies dwindle on farms and the condition of the export sheep are still at their peak. Thus allowing us to maintain the condition of the rest of the flock on the farm during the summer period.

#The export of the sheep at this time of the year also allows us to present our sheep in very good condition before they have been affected by the changing of season and also the effects of the changing climate.

Of course my main preference would be the export of sheep for twelve months of the year. When up to date science and technology can be combined for the wellbeing of the sheep on the boats these issues should be constantly explored, improved and implemented so that the trade can be continuous and "state of the art" for the entire year.

#We should be talking about the growth and expansion of this industry, not about closing it down

#Our continued presence in this international trade is vital to farmers in Western Australia.

Our continued presence in this international trade is essential for the constant improvement in the welfare of live animal export.

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