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Dear Mr Glyde

*Phillip*

Thank you for your correspondence dated 25 August 2023 seeking an extension to provide me with the final report from the Independent Panel consulting on the phase out of live sheep exports by sea.

I would like to thank the Independent Panel for its engagement with a breadth of stakeholders and the significant amount of work that has gone into considering and analysing the large number of submissions that have been provided from across the Australian community during your consultations. I also acknowledge the volume of meetings the Independent Panel has held with a broad range of stakeholders. I acknowledge the complexity of the task based on the information you have received and appreciate that it is important that the advice you provide is appropriately informed and robust.

To ensure you have sufficient time to fully consider the input received I agree to an extension to deliver the report to me by 25 October 2023. I wish you all the best in finalising your deliberations and look forward to receiving the Panel's report and recommendations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Murray Watt'.

MURRAY WATT

*15 / 9 / 2023*