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Dear Minister Collins,

# s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

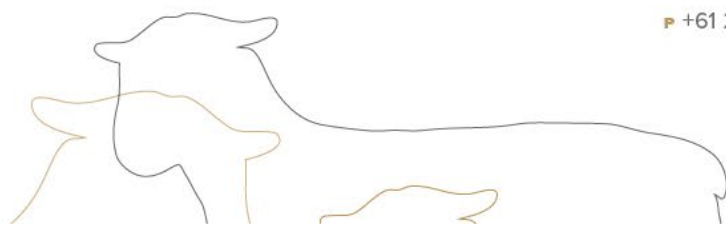
One of the most significant issues facing our industry is the government's decision to phase out live sheep exports by sea. This is strongly opposed by Sheep Producers Australia. For Western Australian sheep producers to sustain their farming businesses, they rely on the live export market to ensure stronger competition and fairer farmgate pricing.

Following the government's announcement, the industry is unclear as to how the transition and funding package will be implemented, and how it will support producers and their businesses. Producers must have confidence that a commercial sheep industry will still exist once live sheep exports by sea ceases.

A critical issue that must be addressed in the implementation is to ensure that producers have access to the same or a greater level of farmgate competition than they currently have. At this stage we do not believe that the current transition package will achieve that outcome.

The current funding package is inadequate to meet the governments stated objectives to grow onshore processing and increase the value of production. Our analysis indicates that a funding package of more than \$400 million will be required to support producers, farming communities and the supply chain to transition in less than four years.

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Additionally, I would like to discuss arrangements regarding the transition advocate role and the design of a more equitable funding package.

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Yours sincerely,

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