

LIVE EXPORT — SHEEP INDUSTRY

Petition

MR P.J. RUNDLE (Roe — Deputy Leader of the Opposition) [9.01 am]: I have a petition that has been certified as conforming with the standing orders of the Legislative Assembly. We have 76 signatures. It reads —

To the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned, express our support for the live export sector and our farmers who deal with livestock across Western Australia. Live sheep export alone was worth \$136 million in 2019, with key trade markets being Kuwait, Qatar and Jordan.

Live export is a vital part of the national economy and a pillar of many regional communities across Western Australia, which accounts for 97% of national livestock exports.

We therefore ask the Minister for Agriculture & Food and the Minister for Federal–State Relations, the Premier, to demand the Prime Minister and Commonwealth Minister for Agriculture reverse Federal Labor’s reckless plan to phase out the live sheep export industry.

And your petitioners as duty bound, will ever pray.

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