

Answers to questions on notice:

Dr Jed Goodfellow, Australian Alliance for Animals

The CHAIR: Just picking up on my colleague's comments around the Pegasus report, are you able to provide to the Committee the instructions you gave to Pegasus to form that report? My reason for asking is that in other inquiries we've had reports put forward to us by independent organisations and then, when we dig deeper into what was asked of them, we find that the terms of reference were quite narrow and may have missed things. I'm not saying that is the case here, but it would help us to analyse that report a lot better if we knew what you explicitly asked Pegasus to do.

JED GOODFELLOW: I'd have to take that on notice, because we didn't commission the report.

The CHAIR: I'm happy for you to take it on notice.

JED GOODFELLOW: As I mentioned, it was a member of ours, Animals Australia, that commissioned it. That's another entity, another party. But I'm happy to take that on notice. Again, to reinforce the fact, Pegasus Economics are a very professional, legitimate, well-respected economics firm. They do a lot of work with government.

Extract from email from Animals Australia to Pegasus Economics, 12 August 2024:

The committee is calling for public submissions, which may be lodged via the committee's website **until 20 September 2024**.

You will see in the multiple points in the Terms of Reference that the economic 'impact' of the phase out (on the other side of the country) on NSW farmers and others is listed as a key issue.

Could you consider undertaking and advise the cost of a Pegasus Economics analysis of any such impact on NSW please. I am hoping it will not be a large undertaking given you have looked in part at the interstate supply chains and on such impacts on saleyard prices, interstate movement of sheep etc during differing seasons before.

The Hon. EMMA HURST: The Australian Livestock Exporters' Council has alleged that the policy process and consultation around the decision to phase out live sheep exports has been a "sham" and "driven entirely by politics". What's your response to these claims?

JED GOODFELLOW: I certainly wouldn't agree with that. The consultation has been extremely thorough. I don't have the figures in front of me, but the independent panel held an extraordinary number of in-person sessions in regions all over WA. I think there were about 14 or so. We can certainly provide that on notice in terms of the number of people who were consulted and the number of people in the industry who were listened to by the independent panel. There was a parliamentary inquiry as well, at the Federal level. All of that, cumulatively, really was extensive, in my view. The industry bodies and producers in WA absolutely got a fair hearing because, as I said, they went all over the State meeting with people and then also held sessions in other States around the country and, indeed, met with NSW Farmers. I saw that they were one of the stakeholder bodies that they met with and received submissions from.

The government appointed an [Independent Panel](#) in March 2023 to consult with stakeholders and provide advice on how the trade should be phase out. The Panel:

- met with 2,030 individuals, received 800 submissions and 3,300 survey responses
- held 96 stakeholder meetings, including 14 in-person public forums in WA (13 in rural areas of the state), and 8 virtual forums.