

I am writing to you today to express my deep outrage regarding the live export trade. As an animal lover and concerned citizen, I have been protesting this vile industry for almost 30 years and cannot understand how we tolerate this cruel and inhumane treatment of animals just for a buck. Industries move on (we had no problem shutting down car manufacturing!) and now it is time to call a halt to this one.

The live export trade is a barbaric practice that sees thousands of animals packed into cramped and filthy conditions, only to be shipped across vast distances to foreign countries where they will face an uncertain and often horrific fate. These animals are subjected to gruelling journeys that can last for days or even weeks, with little access to food or water, limited vet care, and no opportunity to move around or stretch their legs. They give birth on these ships – it's outrageous.

As if this weren't bad enough, once these poor creatures arrive at their destination, they are often subjected to further cruelty and neglect. Many are slaughtered in barbaric ways, with little regard for their welfare or the pain and suffering they endure. We would not endure this in Australia, and should not allow it to happen to anyone or any animal under our care and control.

This is simply morally unacceptable. It is time for our government to take the stand they promised and put an end to this cruel and outdated industry. We demand that our leaders take action to ban live exports – we have been calling for this for decades. We know better – we must do better!

We must not allow this cruel and inhumane practice to continue any longer.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.