

**Animal welfare matters and live sheep exports need to be stopped.**

My vote in the last Federal election was swayed by the Labour government's commitment to improved animal welfare including the phasing out of live exports. I sincerely hope that the Labour government will honour their promise and follow-through with ending this cruel practice.

Even when all regulations are followed, sheep still suffer heat stress and painful un-stunned slaughter processes overseas.

Other countries and namely New Zealand have led the way in this endeavour and have earned international praise as a fair and compassionate nation. Australia should take note of this and follow their lead.

Defending the cruel trade of live exports undermines public trust in Australia's agricultural sector further. This industry has repeatedly been revealed to be untrustworthy in the area of animal welfare. Further evidence of this has been shown recently with the uncovering of the cruel practices utilised in the Australian pork industry with gassing and slaughtering of pigs.