

Submission to Phase out Live Sheep Export.

I support the immediate phase out of Live Sheep Export.

Having spent time at [REDACTED] and watched the trucks full of sheep trundle to and fro down the [REDACTED] and having both observed and smelt the live export ships, I feel in the 21st Century, there is no need for this industry to continue further. It has been evidenced as cruel, heat stress, sea sickness, no animal welfare at the destination. This means no welfare around the slaughter process. I have seen both footage and photos of this as evidence and as an Australian this is not how I expect my country to behave to animals and at the same time contradicting itself by saying it has the highest animal welfare in the world when clearly it doesn't. Animals still suffer heat stress and un-stunned slaughter even when all regulations have been followed.

New Zealand have made the change, The UK is trying to stop it and I believe Argentina is also in the process of banning this "Slave Trade".

This trade has an impact on Australia's reputation. The world now views the evidence of animal cruelty both onboard and at the destination. How can we be shown to be a fair and compassionate nation while this continues.

By defending this trade you are undermining the public trust in Australia's agricultural sector.

It was in fact footage on the live export ships that actually made me stop eating meat and supporting Australia's animal farmers. I know I am not alone in this.

I voted Labour on this promise alone. Therefore, I have the expectation that this phase out begins and ends during this term of Government. There is no point offering a phase out date in 10 years time. Millions of animals will suffer if this is allowed to continue further.

I support that perhaps the farmers who rely on this industry be given some Government support to help them transition, but it can hardly be a surprise that this Industry is coming to an end especially with animal welfare agencies reporting and documenting of the atrocities over the last decade.

I also have the expectation that in the near future that live export of cattle and other animals for slaughter is also phased out. All animals suffer when shipped overseas alive for slaughter.

Kind regards

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