

To whom it may concern,

I would like to strongly plead on behalf of all animals that live export be ceased immediately. It is well known that 80% of Australians are supportive of a cessation as live export as it is a despicable, cruel, violent and torturous industry that serves nothing more than to make profits for a few at the expense of animal lives. As a result of continual delays for a phase out which has been on the cards since the 2011 expose, millions upon millions of sheep have been subjected to unimaginable cruelty, fear, pain and suffering. This could have been averted, but instead, as a result of procrastination and hesitancy- millions of lives were taken after an unimaginable life of horror.

I support a phase out of the export of live sheep to other countries and expect this phase out to be done as soon as possible as there has been plenty of time for this phase out to have been planned. I would like to be assured that this trade will end and that it will be legislated and started in their term of parliament.

The small percentage of farmers who wholly depend upon the export of sheep from their properties, must be offered a transition process backed by government funding. This would send a strong message to Australia and to the world that Australia is a compassionate nation which would in turn, strengthen public trust in Australia's Agricultural sector which has been declining further and further as time has passed by.

The live export trade is cruel and while there may be regulations in place , they are not often followed which can be evidenced by the many instances that this has been reported. Sheep suffer heat stress, sea sickness and illness on board the ships that are sailed out in the open sea. The animals have very little space in which to move and many lambs are born on board because farmers have knowingly placed pregnant sheep on there. If these poor animals survive the ordeal of transportation, they are then faced with terrifying, painful and conscious slaughter and dismembering. Profits should not ever be the bottom line. Instead, the wellbeing of the animals must take precedence over everything else.

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