

Live export of any animal is inhumane and cruel; I will never forget this footage <https://animalsaustralia.org/our-work/live-export/10-years-after-four-corners-live-export/> and neither should you. I support the phase out, however it's long overdue and there is never a discussion about animal welfare!

Australians want certainty that this trade will end. Ten years in and you are still deaf to the broader communities concerns:

https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/rp/rp1920/Chronologies/LiveExport

You put the interests of Lobbyists ahead of any animal welfare which are regularly flaunted [Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997](#) (AMLI Act), the [Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry \(Export Licensing\) Regulations 1998](#) (Export Licensing Regulations) and the [Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Regulations 1998](#) (AMLI Regulations). Even veterinary oversight has been removed due to these lobbyists. EG sheep left in their own effluent, no water, no feed and drowned thanks to incompetence all round for the sake of a dollar.

Maybe some proper funding tied to actual animal husbandry could be considered, as I have seen that many are and can be quite cruel, animals are seen as an economic unit, nothing more, nothing less.

The impact of this trade on Australia's international reputation as a fair and compassionate nation is profound. If New Zealand is able to recognize and implement a precedent in ending live export, why can't you? Continually defending this trade undermines public trust in Australia's agricultural sector.

I no longer vote for Labor, not for the past three elections, not since you unwound the live Export Ban. There are many other issues that have a similar signature of duplicity and I will never vote Liberal either.

The most egregious lesion not taken seriously by any Politician is that you fail to understand that we are totally reliant on nature and all that she gives. What do you give in return – rape, pillage, plunder and a degraded environmental system that is seriously compromised by picking winners and losers. Maybe read the following and could actually learn something <https://www.khanacademy.org/science/ap-biology/natural-selection/natural-selection-ap/a/darwin-evolution-natural-selection> No, none of this can be achieved by 'artificial' insemination for any species.

While the merits of the government's policy to end the trade are **not being considered** – you may still want to talk about animal welfare. That this trade is inherently cruel – and even when all regulations are followed, sheep still suffer heat stress at sea and painful un-stunned slaughter overseas.