

SUBMISSION: Phasing Out Live Sheep Exporting.

Attn: Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry.

Dear Minister,

As a Australian person who has worked in sanctuaries overseas caring for abused animals, I feel the Live Export of sheep, are in no circumstances to say that this trade should exist.

The trade has not had a good name for what has been experienced in the past. This trade is inherently cruel, and this is when all regulations are being followed.

Many sheep have died on live export ships before reaching their destinations. They suffer exhaustion managing rough seas, poor ventilation and have dealt with untreated waste.

With this comes corrosive ammonia causing distress and overheating gasping for oxygen and collapsing if not being cooked alive, prior to being bogged down in untreated waste of dead bodies.

The waste wont be washed out until disembarkation.

If the poor ewe (that is if they get tested prior to being pregnant), manages to give birth, then the crew are instructed to slit their throats or born into a living hell, trampled and or even loss of the mother.

When reaching their destination, if the sheep manages to survive the journey, they are then mishandled in a very inhumane way by being thrown into the back of taxis and any vehicle that can be obtained,

struggling, injuring themselves or being dragged.

This is without the inhumane way of being slaughtered.

Evidence has shown that the Australian Government cannot legally continue to grant export licences under these conditions.

Evidence of footage has exposed an inhumane industry.

Live sheep is not a cargo. They, are living things that breathe, think and suffer.

Live Export is breaking the law by denying the animal of their basic needs of proper treatment, food, water, rest and vet care.

Where New Zealand's precedent in ending live export, Australia will come into its own as a country of similar comparison of a welfare and fair nation for agricultural sector.

Australian's want this trade to stop, be legislated and commence in the term of parliament.

In regards to the consideration of the farmers, with the Government's support and help, the Phasing Out of Live Sheep export can be a positive effect on the industry.

Investing and expanding domestic processing and increasing sheep meat exports. This will create jobs and reinforce the butcher industry. This will keep the exporters, other business

across the
supply chain involved with opportunities and keep the country going forth keeping the dollars
within.

Last election, I voted Labor for many policies, such as this one. Ending Live Sheep Export.
Hopefully, this policy of ending live export sheep trade will come forth and see Australia
boom again as before.

We started with the Merino wool, we now need to keep our sheep here.

Yours truly,

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