

Thank you for allowing us to make a submission regarding the Ending of live animal export.

Firstly, I would like to ask the Government to legislate an end date during this term of Parliament. The Federal Government must transition away from live sheep export.

We need to phase out the Live Export Trade due to the incredible cruelty and abuse that the animals suffer. The journey can take months with the animals suffering from many forms of abuse. These come in the form the animals suffering extreme heat stress or extreme cold, poor “living” conditions and overcrowded stocking densities that increase discomfort, and can limit access to food and water for some animals. Often the animals are unable to drink or eat due to the horrific conditions they are subjected to.

Over the journey, faeces, urine, spilt feed pellets and water build up to form a layer of manure. The heat and humidity means this can turn into a dense, sticky mud, causing the animals to become bogged. This often causes them to slowly suffer and die from starvation or dehydration. Where they are simply thrown overboard.

They’re at risk because of the unavoidable reality that live export leads to weeks of stressful circumstances for the sheep including repeated handling by unfamiliar people, standing in their own faeces and urine, unfamiliar environments with loud noises, varied ventilation, high humidity, mistreatment of the animals and inhumane slaughter practices once they disembark at their destination.