

SUBMISSION ON ENDING LIVE EXPORT OF AUSTRALIAN SHEEP



I wish to thank the Albanese Labor Government for their commitment to end live export by sea of Australian livestock, and I am making this submission to plead for the soonest possible phase-out of this practice. This must happen within the term of the present Parliament so that we can bring into place humane laws that prevent the inexcusable suffering of our animals. Ending live exports is part of the mandate that voters handed the government and many of us would be extremely disappointed if it was not given the urgency of action that it deserves.

New Zealand has set a sterling example and shown clearly that a country that has been reliant on sheep exports can make the change. I fully endorse government support to farmers to enable them to make the transition.

The consequences of live export are no longer secret, and footage of the terrible, inhumane suffering of animals is distressing in the extreme. Not only that, but the evidence is there that the deaths they suffer upon arrival are painful and terrifying. Please let us, as a modern country which does not espouse animal cruelty, join with the few other nations who are taking stands on this and help to set a global precedent that places the appropriate value on humane animal treatment.

Regards,

