

SUBMISSION ON ENDING THE LIVE EXPORT TRADE

It is high time that Australia recognised all animals as sentient beings and, as a consequence of that, banned the live export trade by sea and air permanently.

This is one reason that I voted for the Labor government last year, and I want to see this election promise enacted without delay — preferably within the current term of the Albanese government, which has another two years before the next Federal election.

After all, as this was an election promise and the government have been in power 12 months already, livestock producers have been expecting the ban and a further 12 months' notice should be enough for that industry to adjust to the new rules.

Live export is an exceptionally cruel and stressful practice. Not only is the export process fraught, many animals are exported to countries with poor animal welfare standards and practices. If they survive the journey, many will then be condemned to spend the remainder of their lives in intensive farms before they are slaughtered, usually through inhumane methods.

For all of these reasons, the legislation to ban live export needs to be irreversible.