

## **LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS BY SEA – SUBMISSION**

I am writing to you to request once again that this inhumane practice be banned.

There is clear and overwhelming evidence that there is enormous trauma and suffering inflicted on our animals who endure horrible experiences during the transportation phase and are then subjected to horrific treatment at their destination by people who have no understanding about animal rights and subject our poor terrified animals to torture.

This ongoing suffering is due to the lack of understanding and sheer neglect of responsibilities by our very own government and authorities who subject these animals to this barbaric ending in their lives.

ALL animals are sentient beings! All animals experience fear and trauma! All animals feel pain!

When are we, as human beings, going to open our hearts and put a stop to something that can be changed RIGHT NOW.

New Zealand has made the change. Let us for once follow a good example and become a country that has a HEART. A country that cares about our animals.

We are a country that adores our domesticated animals who become family members. We would be horrified if this practice was inflicted upon our beloved dogs and cats or horses and other domesticated animals.

Every day our pets show us that they have feelings, they show joy, show sadness, show pain. When will human beings come to the realisation that all animals feel the same emotions.

I know I will not live to see the day when all animals are being treated with kindness and respect and love in this world, but I can only continue to advocate for animal rights for as long as I can and hope that one day there will be people of heart governing this country. I sincerely hope that day is now.

The time for just talking is over. The previous government had many opportunities to put a stop to this practice but chose to turn a blind eye to this inhumane treatment, resulting in thousands of our sheep subjected to suffering and torture due to the need to just constantly talk and delay.

There will always be people who have their own interests to profit and their own agendas. Please do not be a government that allows themselves to be manipulated by these people.

These animals are voiceless in their suffering. Please take a moment in your life to look into the eyes of these animals and let them speak to you in their own way.

**PLEASE BE THEIR VOICE NOW.**