

Consistently since the first investigations into Australia's live-export industry, Australians (and people worldwide) have borne witness to the suffering and deaths of sheep aboard ships. Australia should have no part in continuing this trade and ending the live export of sheep is long overdue. **The government made a commitment, supported by the majority of Australians, to end the live export of sheep – which it must now fulfil.**

New Zealand's landmark ban proves that ending this trade without delay is possible, and past investigations and reviews indicate that a swift shutdown is necessary to prevent the prolonged suffering of animals.

Of course, sheep are not the only victims of this cruel trade. In Indonesia, Australian cattle is improperly stunned and killed in painful, abhorrent ways, despite a government assurance scheme, cruelty is systemic in the industry. Therefore, cattle should also be included in the plans to end live animal exports.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and the Labor government must set Australia down a kinder path by ending the live export of sheep during this elected term and working towards a future without any live-animal export.