

Let's assume that exploiting an animal for their body parts or secretions, is as we're brought up to believe, normal and necessary. Let's ignore all the footage, all the evidence including the fact that these innocent individual victims have the capacity to feel, share bonds, solve simple puzzles, etc and like us, are sentient and want to live.

So, we push forward with the narrative that animal abuse is normal and necessary. We even disguise it by using colloquial euphemisms to remove their individuality or reduce the violence we force on them. We use terms like livestock, cattle, or processing instead of unnecessary death and mutilation. We treat them as property, as things to be bought and sold.

We make excuses about why we do these things, none of which hold water when

actually tested with logic. Which is why people get so frustrated with vegans and

Animal Rights Activists (ARA), because they're completely correct to point out the flaws in the excuses.

The usual excuses are; taste, tradition, convenience, economics, health (or a blend of those and sometimes an even more obscure excuse).

We already know the world must quickly divert to a plant based food system in order to limit global warming. We already know that animal based protein is the cause of the leading causes of death and disease in humans. We already know that treating animals as commodities has recently led to an overuse of antibiotics and also caused almost all the zoonotic diseases and pandemics in the last century.

Even without considering the consent, or the violence we force on an individual for their skin, fur, scales, lactations,

reproductive discharge, body parts or  
other secretions we

think we need; even ignoring the moral implications of abusing an animal for entertainment, profit, or food; even without concern for our victims we still are faced with the need to stop based on our own survival needs.

It's a difficult truth for people to accept, but dragging it out won't help.

Ending live exports is a tiny first step. Along with ending live exports of sheep it's also necessary to end all live exports.

Government needs to help transition industry to more sustainable, ethical, & profitable business models.

1. Issue a date giving a 3-6 month deadline for an end to live exports
2. Those in the industry affected by the ban will be well compensated for taking on more

sustainable plant based fibre/food alternatives; those staying on in the industry shouldn't be compensated

3. Due to the urgent nature of transition needed, 24-36 months of compensation till completion

For assistance transitioning look at some of the previous successes

<https://www.farmtransitionsaustralia.org/>

While ending live exports is a tiny step, it is an important one. What we don't want however is the attempt to sidestep the process of moving towards a plant based food system, or the notion that we need more slaughter houses here in Australia.

The whole reason this is even an issue is because brave activists risked their lives to show people what we pay for. Since then, the government has only outlawed exposing the

abuse rather than prosecute the abusers. If these industries were so humane they'd already have live stream CCTV footage available 24/7 of all the sentient individuals we enslave and mutilate. It's time to move on. It's time to put the worst of ourselves behind us.