

The phase-out of live export of sheep by sea must begin and end as soon as possible. Every delay means more sheep subjected to inexcusable suffering – from the daily stresses of sea transport to fully conscious slaughter in importing countries.

People are distressed and horrified that a first world country such as Australia is voluntarily and knowingly putting animals through such torture. The conditions that these animals are subject too is truly inhumane. This must stop now.

Live export of sheep by sea is damaging Australia's international reputation, our ranking in terms of World Animal Protection's [official rankings](#). New Zealand's recent ban as an example of how a civilised country should behave toward animals and respect the views of the general public over a few vested interests.

Australians want certainty that this trade will end. That the phase-out be legislated and commence in this term of parliament.