

STOP! Do NOT LET THAT SHIP LEAVE OUR SHORE - ITS BREAKING AUSTRALIAN LAW!

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I am an ordinary hard working, law abiding citizen. I vote and pay my taxes. I wish to express my strong opposition to Australia's live sheep exports.

The majority of decent Australians are very much against this extremely cruel and unnecessary business practice.

It has been going on for far too long. Perhaps because the general public were unaware of its existence. It is only in recent years been exposed through media and politics.

I understand that legally when the ship and workers are boarded, if all "stock and staff" seem healthy and clean - the ship can be signed off. What I struggle to understand is how we condone what happens after that. Knowing that the animals are going to be subjected to a living hell for weeks on end at sea. Only to be executed while conscious at the other end. This is completely against our laws. Against our morals. If we wouldn't allow this overcrowding, overheating, unhygienic, torturous husbandry here, on our soil or in our waters. How can we sell ourselves off to allow it to happen out of our waters? With our livestock?

It is time to stop this as soon as possible. We need to stand for what we believe in. Show the rest of the world we have high standards and we stand by them - international integrity.

If we stop this immediately, as we should. What happens to the livestock and business? How do we make up this income and lesson sheep stocks?

It's not rocket science but it could save life on this earth as we know it - funding should be invested in the development and distribution of environmentally sustainable plant based alternatives.

With the overarching law of supply and demand ultimately deciding, less sheep stock will be required and therefore less would be bred.

Thank you for your time. The future's in your hands.