

Phase-out Live Sheep Exports from Australia

My view on live sheep exports relates to the sheer cruelty to the animals subjected to this mode of transport only to end up being brutally killed.

This is supported by evidence captured by Animals Australia. The visions we witnessed were beyond shocking.

This trade is inherently cruel and the regulations currently in place do not protect the sheep from heat stress at sea and a painful un-stunned slaughter at their destination.

The cruelty has been well documented over the last few years with visions of animals unable to reach food or water, clearly heat exhausted and unable to lie down. Many of them dead on arrival.

Shame on Australia, this disgusting abuse of our animals highlights our governments lack of commitment to end the trade and impacts our international reputation.

New Zealand has ended live export trade and Brazil is actioning the end of the trade in their Federal Court.

Australia needs to step up and ensure the phase-out of this trade be legislated and that it commences in this term of parliament.

As an Australian I want certainty this trade will end. Labor assured me during the election campaign it would end the trade and I am holding them to account to follow through on their promises, this term.