

To The Committee,

Live sheep export must be banned. It must be phased out in this current term that Albanese stated as an election promise. It is why I voted for him and his party to gain power of Australia and will determine how I vote in the future.

Live sheep export is an abhorrently cruel practice which is completely unnecessary. Sheep are placed onto huge ships and travel for long periods of time without basic welfare necessities being met. We have seen the reports, the undercover footage and have heard the stories from people who have been on board these ships. Sheep are dying before they can even make it to the shores of countries like Indonesia and those of the Middle East. They travel in their own filth, faeces and urine, leading to developing infectious diseases. They carry thick amounts of wool on their bodies and battle sweltering conditions on board these floating ovens as temperatures rise within. This causes heat stress, respiratory issues and ultimately, for many, death. For those sheep who make it across the waters alive at their deadly destination, they are killed in a cruel way, un-stunned slaughter.

The phase out must be legalised and it must be put into place as soon as possible before more and more sheep suffer the stated conditions. Farmers need to be supported and not left high and dry. They must be provided with government support to transition their business. This is a very important part of the process for it to achieve success.

In faith that the right decision will be made,

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