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Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Submission sent via https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/live-sheep-phase-out?tool=survey_tool#tool_tab

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: **PHASE OUT OF LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS BY SEA**

There are no benefits to live export. Any individual or group that tries to argue in favour of live export, is only driven by financial gain. There is **no** justification on any level that gives rise to the continuation of live sheep exporting – for obvious reasons.

Live export must be abolished. Australians want certainty that this cruel trade will cease. Such cessation must be legislated and commenced in this term of Parliament. Now is the time for the Albanese Government to make the right decision, the decision that Australians have been waiting for, for far too long. We understand the need for farmers to transition away from animal farming and we fully support both farmers and our Government with this exercise.

Live export of our animals does not reflect well on who we are as a country and who our Government is. Let us make the change to be seen as a fair and compassionate nation. Now!

The Australian Government defending such a barbaric trade only undermines our trust in Australia's agriculture sector. I gave my support to the *ALP* last election on the basis they would implement their promise to abolish live export. I expect the *ALP* Government to stand by their promise. Do not let me down. Do not let the Australian people down and most of all, do not let our precious and innocent animals down.

Our animals do not deserve to be on the receiving end of this inherently cruel practice. These animals die unnecessarily from heat stress at sea and if they do arrive alive at their destination, they are barbarically slaughtered - not humanely, but revoltingly and painfully killed. No animals deserves this kind of treatment. Could you look these animals in their eyes, feel their fear and suffering and then watch them be slaughtered inhumanely? Next time you eat their flesh, put their petrified face on that piece of meat and then see if this is something you want to actually chew and digest. I expect you will not. Why do I believe this? I believe this because as an Australian you really have a caring heart and know that what really matters is that our animals deserve to be treated with kindness, at all times.

Live Export by Sea is not kind. It costs nothing to be kind.

There is not downside to being kind, but there sure is a lot of upside!

ABOLISH LIVE SHEEP EXPORT BY SEA. Don't let our animals suffer any more. Make all Australians proud that we voted for a Government that shares our compassion towards animals.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

