

To whom it may concern,

I am very happy the Australian Government has committed to phasing out live Sheep exports by sea, as the suffering and Animal Cruelty I have seen first hand bearing witness to Sheep [REDACTED].

I believe the Government should phase out Live Sheep Exports by sea NOW. The facts are there, we KNOW that sending Australian Sheep on these Foreign Ships results in catastrophic Animal Cruelty. Australia is a nation of Animal Lovers, the public has been outraged and asking the Government for over 10 years to STOP exporting Animals live.

Why can't they be processed on Australian Soil, where we have some Animal Welfare standards and it completely eliminates the long-haul suffering Sheep experience on these ships?

There are ways to reduce the abuse. There is no need to export Animals alive! Farmers can still make money exporting Cattle processed.

Some may want to move away from farming animals all together, and grow some food, look into Permaculture and put back into their land, while also making money exporting food!

I recognise that the phase out will impact the individuals, businesses and communities that rely on the trade. We must educate these people on exactly why this phase out is taking place, the Australian Public does not want to see Animal Abuse on our doorstep. In our modern society, mistreating Animals is seen as abhorrent and absolutely NOT acceptable to be Legal, Government sanctioned and done in a way that causes maximum suffering.

The phase out will impact myself personally in a very positive way, I rescue Sheep and have my own Sheep Rescue & Sanctuary [REDACTED]. We see a lot of Sheep jumping off the trucks on their way to these Ships, some survive and we've been able to rescue some. Caring for these Sheep, I have learned that Sheep are just as loving as our pet dogs and cats. They are the most docile and affectionate animals. Knowing what these poor Sheep have to endure for the sake of money, when there really are many other ways to make money that don't inflict harm on living beings HURTS MY SOUL. The day Australian Sheep are protected by the Australian Government instead of allowing people to torture them in the name of money will be the best day of my life.

I think it's important to note that Sheep are proven to be just as intelligent as humans and primates. When I see these socially complex, aware and highly intelligent animals crammed into truck crates, squashed, legs trapped and wounded, and also knowing the horror they face on these ships, I feel extremely sad and disgusted at what our Government is knowingly allowing.

We have all seen the footage of Sheep suffering in so many different ways on these Ships. It is still 43 degrees in these countries NOW when they travel to these Foreign countries. Australian Sheep are STILL suffering, everyday!

Please protect these poor animals.
No one deserves to be treated like this!

Warm regards,

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