

Submission to support the 'Phase out of live sheep exports by sea'

Live sheep (and cattle) export is a terribly cruel and inhuman practice - at all points in the process, which sadly Australia has been party too for decades. At last Labor has committed to act with integrity by phasing out this cruel industry in Australia as promised. In line with our neighbour New Zealand, as well as other 'moral' nations, Australia will set an example for the world as a civilised country committed to the protection of all animals, and one which respects the views of its ordinary citizens over the profits of powerful global corporations.

Live export subjects innocent mammals to horrors no one would tolerate for a moment if it is related to our companion animals. Yet the industry commodifies the life of sentient and gentle creatures which are sheep with very limited if any incentive to minimise let alone prevent their suffering.

I have voted consistently for Labor based primarily on its promise to phase out live export, and write to remind the government of its promises, and moral demand to act to end live export of Australian animals as soon as possible. Every animal which is subject to the terror and inhumane treatment they are necessarily subject to in being 'exported', often to even further horrors, e.g., live slaughter in the Middle East, could have been prevented this suffering had the industry been phased out previously. Every further 'shipment' simply creates further suffering for our animals. Please don't delay any further. The suffering of every single animal matters.

It is important that farmers who have relied on this trade be supported to transition to humane practices in order to 'process' their animals. Perhaps this is an opportunity to actively work towards reducing the carbon footprint of farmed animals and explore more plant based alternatives to protein production.

Australian people care about the welfare of animals and demand that the devastating cruelty and suffering experienced by animals subject to 'live export' be stopped as soon as possible.

Your sincerely,

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