

Submission on Live Sheep Export

The Federal Government was elected on a promise to end the Live Export of Sheep. A beginning and end date for the phase-out of Live Export needs to be legislated within the current term of office. This must happen sooner rather than later, in order to prevent hundreds of thousands more Sheep being subjected to the unbelievable cruelty of months at sea on Live Export vessels. Then on their arrival at their destination countries, to be subjected to barbaric treatment, and agonizing slaughter while fully conscious. This is a grueling and terrifying ordeal for every single sheep caught up in Live Export

A civilized society would not allow animals to be treated with such disregard for animal welfare. New Zealand has shown itself to be far more civilised than Australia, having already banned Live Export.

Australia's international reputation and agricultural credentials are at stake. As long as the Government continues to allow Australian animals to be subjected to the brutal inhumanity of Live Export, Australians are shamed on the international stage.

Australian farmers who send their Sheep into the horror of Live Export, knowing full well the suffering they will endure, do not attract my sympathy. What an appalling way to make a living! And the operators of Live Export vessels should be jailed for their crimes against animals, not recompensed.

In the meantime, before this dreadful trade in misery is ended, bans on the Live Export of Sheep during the northern summer should be extended to cover the full six month period.