

## Ban ALL live animal export

The Australian government must end this horrifically cruel trade.

Sheep and cattle can be outgoing, shy, playful or inquisitive. They are every bit as deserving of our protection as dogs and cats. Yet in the live export trade their welfare is sacrificed to greed.

Every animal who boards a live export ship is a breathing, feeling individual.

But this is of no concern to the live export industry which willingly sells animals off to face fully-conscious slaughter — often in direct view of their companions. This is an industry truly built on animal cruelty.

Every year millions of sheep and cattle leave Australian shores destined for slaughter in countries where there are no laws to protect them from abominable cruelty.

Tens of thousands will die agonising deaths on stressful journeys across the seas — in the middle of the pack unable to access water and dying of thirst, or cooked alive in unbearable heat are just 2 examples.

And for those who survive, their ordeal is just beginning. Animals in importing countries are handled, transported and slaughtered in the most appalling ways. Most will have their throats cut while fully conscious — experiencing a painful and prolonged death. While the Australian Government allows live exports to continue, animals will continue to suffer horrific cruelty — at sea and on foreign shores.

The vast majority of Australians want live animal export to end. It is only the very few who profit from this animal suffering that don't.

The Australian government must represent the wishes of the Australian people and ban this vile trade.