

Submission to end live export in Australia.

I'm 19, I'm not an expert nor do I have the answers to everything, but I do know these sheep are suffering greatly and we have the power to stop it.

Live export is unacceptable from an animal welfare perspective, they are subjected to extremely hot temperatures, many suffering from heat stress. Sheep are exposed to cruel handling conditions, and stocking densities that prevent them from lying down or easily accessing food and water. The sheep may go weeks without adequate food and water and little access to shade. Finally, they will suffer during their slaughter as once the sheep meet their destination, they not have to meet Australia's standard for slaughtering as standards cannot be forced overseas and stunning is not mandatory there.

I understand live export gives Australia a financial benefit, but we need to look at where our standards, morals and ethics are when we prioritise money over someone else's suffering.

How can I be proud to be an Australian when we care more about the money we can make over the suffering, cruel and inhumane practises that are carried out on others.

We cannot ignore this anymore, this needs to end and it needs to end now.

I might not have all the answers for how we can support farmers or how businesses might be affected by it but this injustice needs to end.