

Livestock export is not bad.

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, the labor party, Anthony Albanese the prime minister of Australia. I am here today to discuss a very important matter, livestock exports. Many of you may be confused on what it is and why it is so important. Well, livestock export is when animals like sheep and cattle are exported to different places across the state border and international border. They are often exported to places within the middle East, including Kuwait, Jordan, and Bahrain. It is very important for many people including farmers, truck drivers, shop workers, abattoirs, vets, stock workers and people from the countries that have the animals imported, because this is part of the process that they get their meat from, and this is how many people are earning money. It is also important to me personally because I am an aspiring farmer who would have a bright future in agriculture if it weren't getting banned. I have had a lot of experience with sheep, while working on my farm, but due to livestock exports being banned we might have to sell our sheep.

The government wants to ban livestock exports because apparently it is cruel to the animals, but that is factually incorrect. In 2022, 0.46% died from accidents that couldn't have been prevented. There have been one or two incidents in the past where it has been too hot in the ships and some animals died, but development has been made. More air passes through the ships now, less sheep are stocked on livestock ships and they are fed regularly, which makes it a comfortable journey for them. They are also thoroughly checked before and after leaving to make sure that they are not carrying any disease.

If it was banned, it would have no effect apart from a bad one. That would be because other countries would just step in and continue exporting to the Middle East, and they could be cruel to the animals. We export the animals because there aren't enough people here to feed so it could mean that a lot of meat will be wasted. Even if we stopped exporting the animals, they would still have to die so it won't be saving their lives. Banning it won't help. Banning it won't be good. Banning it won't have a good effect.

If it was banned lots of money would be wasted. In 2022, 2.7 billion dollars was earned from livestock exports, and it has been predicted for the prices to drop severely. Many people like shearers, farmers, truck drivers, sailors, shop workers and big businesses would either lose money or lose their jobs. Many of them would be in a financial crisis and the government most likely won't help them. It would not only be destroying the economy but also history because this has been happening since 1829. How would you feel if all this hard work was just thrown away? It would be like putting the Mona Lisa in a woodchipper or bombing the Buckingham palace. It would be pointlessly destroying something old and very valuable.

Rationale

For my persuasive speech, I chose livestock exports should not be banned. That is because the government wants to ban it and it is going to affect many innocent people such as me and my family. We are just trying to help the economy, the wool and meat market and the countries that need the sheep. I have lived on a sheep and crop farm my whole life and I can't imagine my life without sheep, so this issue is very personal. I believe there are many faults within the government's decision and that they have not considered the very real efforts of many individuals in the industry who have devoted their careers to improving the welfare and sustainability of the industry. In my introduction I greeted ladies and gentlemen, the labor party, and the premier of Western Australia because they are all involved on the decision of banning live exports. I also explained what livestock exports are, as it is such an underrated issue that so many people have never heard of, let alone know that it could be affecting them as well. I had four arguments on why livestock exports shouldn't be banned and within those paragraphs I sometimes had multiple reasons. In my conclusion I told my audience what they could do to view livestock exports the same as me.