

To Whom It May Concern,

May I first say that I applaud the Government for taking steps to phase out live sheep exports. I shouted for joy when I heard the news.

However, my joy was considerably lessened when I read that it wasn't being implemented this term. I understand that businesses need time to adapt, but postponing implementation until next term is a bribe for votes and you know it. There have been no promises made by the Liberals that they will phase out the live exports, so there is every chance that your submissions, review and consultation will be an incredible waste of time and money if you aren't re-elected. This issue should not be about you attempting to secure votes for another term. You either want to do the right thing, or you don't. Sheep are suffering, and you have the chance to end it. I, along with almost 450,000 people who have signed this petition (<https://www.change.org/p/australia-it-s-time-to-end-live-animal-exports?redirect=false>) are counting on you to act humanely. If your family pet was to be put on one of these boats in two years' time, would you put together a committee to plan out how to stop future pets being put on the boats? Or would you do what you could now and in the next two years to save your beloved pet from pain and suffering? Could you look your child in the eye and honestly tell them you did everything you could to save their pet? Not with the current plan you couldn't. Please act while you have the power, and don't make this about votes.

Please also consider phasing out live cattle exports as well. They too suffer on these ships. They too need your help.

Suggestions:

- Animals slaughtered here – under Australian standards and conditions - creates more Australian jobs and is better for the animals
- Fresh meat sent by refrigerated planes to the country importing the meat or snap frozen and air freighted.
- Our frozen beef exports are already established and successful.
- Shipping meat rather than cattle reduces the methane output on ships. This aligns with you climate commitments
- If an animal perishes on a ship, it doesn't feed anyone.

Thank you for your time,

Elizabeth