

I wish to state that my family and I voted Labor for the first time ever because of the pledge to end the live export trade for sheep, that's how important this issue is to us. I wish it were for all animals but am happy it's actually beginning to happen at all. Thanks for you offering to submit my feelings as a member of the public, including my whole family and most of the friends I know.

I firmly believe the majority of Australians want this trade to end and are entirely sick of seeing the disgusting and heart-wrenching footage of sheep being loaded onto trucks, then ships, crammed in, and having to endure horrendous conditions whilst sailing for days, to be slaughtered on foreign land without any oversight.

We must be better as a society and show that the welfare of animals matters. I know from friends overseas, they say Australians are hypocrites, always complaining about cruelty in other countries, yet endorses probably one of the cruellest trades for animals in the exporting of them live to foreign countries. Notwithstanding that most of these countries have NO ANIMALS WELFARE LAWS.

I do agree the Government needs to support farmers in the phase-out of this cruel trade.

PLEASE PLEASE phase-out this trade AS SOON AS POSSIBLE before more hundreds of thousands of sheep are sent on these ships of shame.

AUSTRALIA, YOU ARE BETTER THAN THIS.

Thank you for reading our submission.

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