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Attention:       The independent panel appointed to recommend  
                      when and how the “LIVE ANIMAL EXPORT PHASE OUT” should occur.

The phase out must begin in the current term of government and be as short as possible. Every day of delay is another day sheep will suffer on lengthy sea voyages.

Even with tighter regulations on live exports, the fact remains that every live export voyage is fraught with risk for animals, and most will endure painful, fully conscious slaughter at destination countries.

New Zealand has become the 1<sup>st</sup> country in the world to end live export trade. The compassionate decision sets a critical global precedent for other countries to follow.

Also, a federal court in Brazil has made an order to stop the export of live cattle. The judge cited the reason for the order was after viewing cattle being brutally killed in Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon.

This is also not only a compassionate decision but a ground-breaking one as Brazil is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest exporter of live cattle in the world.

This decision is yet another signal that a future without live export is not only possible but hopefully probable.

The Albanese government has acknowledged a commitment to end the trade, but when? The Australian community expects the phase out to begin AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. All the signs are positive.

As a government and nation, it is our ethical responsibility that we acknowledge animals as sentient living beings.

We need to secure a better, kinder culture for our fellow species. We also need to give animals the strongest representation possible, at every opportunity.

For the animals

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