

Submission regarding live export

I would like to see Australia stop live export. The Labor Government promised they would stop this if elected. Watching what happens to these poor animals during the trip overseas is heart wrenching and extremely stressful. I used to work on a cruise ship, and am well aware of the conditions ships must endure, and it is extremely unpleasant even when you can hold on with 2 hands! Sheep and cattle can't do this, neither is their excrement removed properly, so they just need to lie around in this, causing further distress from the ammonia and bacteria.

When the conditions the animals must endure was first shown on t.v. it shocked the world. Enough to have it stopped for several months. However even with this severe warning not much changed as was demonstrated with further whistle blowing video footage. It was the same with slaughtering the animals once in their destination. It was hoped we could teach these countries some compassion and how to slaughter humanely. Hopefully some of them did learn this, but again video footage showed the conditions were still appalling and not much had changed.

Ceasing Live export shows the world Australia's world class standard of better animal care, it will improve our reputation as a fair and compassionate nation, and keeps us in line with NZ who has already lead the way!

Anyone defending the live export trade undermines public trust in Australia's agricultural sector.

Banning live export will eventually come, so any smart farmer would divest away from live export. However I would fully encourage the government to help those who are dependent on this and need help moving to a different market- although if they are the sort of farmers willing to let their livestock suffer this terrible fate, perhaps they should be move to crops farming instead of livestock.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Kind regards

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