

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to make some comments about the coming Phase out of live sheep export. I am very much in support of the abolishment of live export.

I am strongly opposed to any form of animal cruelty and this process is certainly one that needs to stop. We are allowing our home- bred living animals to be tortured in various ways through agonising sea transport only to be slaughtered in appalling conditions (including being fully conscious) when they get to their destinations. This is just not acceptable.

The banning of live export has been done in other countries before (eg. New Zealand) so why cant we look at some of the strategies that they have put into practice and use them. This is such an important matter for coming generations to see that we Australians can be caring and if we see something that is not appropriate then we do something about it.

I know that there will need to be some support for farmers and possibly other people in the industry but we have to find a way forward, and quickly. Don't drag your feet and think that it is ok to take time. Every delay means that lots more animals are suffering.

I am just a retired grandmother who cares about animals of all sorts and to see and hear about the cruel processes happening with the live export industry makes me sad and angry. It doesn't matter how many rules people put in place, there will always be rule-breakers. This means mistreatment and suffering for animals and it is time we showed compassion and kindness. I constantly talk to my family and friends about caring for animals and lead by example when it comes to speaking up about cruelty.

Please help to make some prompt ground-breaking decisions under the banner of kindness and show the people of the world how we do it.

Kind regards

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