

To the Australian Government

**In support of a phase-out of the live sheep export as soon as possible**

We're writing this submission to show our support for phasing out the live sheep export from Australia as soon as possible. As we are thrilled to learn, that our Government is committed to phase out this horrific export of live animals, we need assurance that this will happen within the shortest timeframe possible. Every single day sheep suffer tremendously on these journeys and no decent Government can defend delaying it even one day longer.

We are a family of three, myself, my husband and our 4yo daughter, and we wish for her to grow up knowing that our Labor Government showed compassionate leadership in humane treatment of sentient animals and not have her witnessing the same horrors we have seen from the investigations into the live export of sheep from Australia – and other animals for that matter.

The transport of live animals for slaughter is the single most cruel and unnecessary part of industrial meat production. If you want to export meat, then do just that, export the meat and spare the live animals from the horrors on those ships overseas.

In order to make the phase-out of this inherently cruel live export be as quick as possible, we support that farmers are helped by the Government to transition their operations away from the inhumane live export and that subsidies are re-distributed to domestic processing facilities and meat export.

With gratitude,

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