

ENDING LIVE SHEEP EXPORT - SUBMISSION

It is critical the phase-out of live sheep export starts as soon as possible. The more this is delayed the more sheep will be subjected to horrifying suffering from the daily stresses of sea transport to fully conscious slaughter in importing countries. If this is not stopped as soon as possible during this term of government there is a risk the coalition government could set this back significantly. Australians want certainty that this phase-out will be legislated as soon as possible and commences in this term of parliament.

As I am sure you are aware, the live export trade is inherently cruel , and even when regulations are followed, sheep still suffer heat stress and painful un-stunned slaughter overseas. New Zealand has recently banned live export, and it is important that Australia follows suit to demonstrate our attitude towards animal welfare and enhance our reputation as a fair and compassionate nation.

Labor should consider support for farmers while they are transitioning during the phase-out, ideally to more sustainable and less cruel forms of farming, such as plant-based agriculture.

Live export of all forms needs to end as soon as possible, and Labor has a chance to reduce the suffering of millions of farmed animals in the near future and be on the right side of history.