

**A SUBMISSION TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ON THE PHASING OUT OF LIVE ANIMAL
EXPORTS BY SEA**

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As a member of the Australian public who is vehemently opposed to cruelty to animals, I wish to make my views known on the live export of animals by sea and the phase out of it by the Australian Labor Government.

I congratulate the Government on its extremely welcome decision to phase out live animal exports by sea. Like millions of Australians I have been sickened and devastated by the terrible cruelty that these gentle animals have endured for years in this cruel trade. Not only do they suffer immeasurably on the journey itself with heat stress and sea sickness but are faced with brutality and a fully conscious slaughter at their destination.

By making this decision, the Government has gone a long way to improving Australia's standing internationally and is showing us to be a compassionate nation like New Zealand which has led the way in this instance.

This decision by the government is way overdue and any defence of the trade will further undermine the Australian public's confidence and trust in agriculture in this country. However it is extremely important that now that the decision has been made, that the phase out begins immediately. I would like to see it legislated and commence in this term of parliament, leading swiftly to a permanent end. Australians need and want certainty that this cruel trade will end as soon as possible.

I would also expect there to be government support for farmers during the transition period and I would be supportive of that.

Thank you for your time I appreciate the opportunity to make my feelings known.

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