

Phasing Out Live Sheep Exports.

Ok so the Albanese Government have called for an inquiry into how and when live sheep exports should be phased out. It's going to happen hooray!!

They have stated that it won't be during this Parliamentary sitting. As a concerned member of the public who has been campaigning for over 20 years, I of course will say it must be implemented ASAP, so if the government can't organise during this sitting, then let's get it happening and "announced" by the next parliamentary sitting.

Let's look at the example of the recent announcement by the Victorian Labor Government to ban native logging by the end of this year. They implemented a financial package to support the sector including existing worker-support services and funding to transition to plantation timber.

So we do the same at a federal level for this industry and transition to export meat products or look for new markets that enhance Australia's reputation as a fair and compassionate nation. New Zealand set a precedent recently so I think that Australia as a progressive nation can too.

This current live export trade is abhorrently cruel where sheep are confined in cramped and stressful conditions at the mercy of the heat, storms, and high seas. Devastating incidents of drowning when cargo vessels capsize, trade disputes and shipment rejections leave sheep exposed and vulnerable to this high-risk trade. Often at the end of this tortuous journey they face shocking abuse and often fully conscious slaughter in countries lacking animal welfare laws.

Every day this live export trade continues is every day too long.

I voted for a change of government last year, a Labor Government who publicly pledged to end this awful trade. Let's get this done ASAP.

Thank you.

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