

Consultation: Phase Out Live Export of Sheep and All Other Animals

To Honourable Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Honourable Murray Watt,

As a concerned citizen I would like to be a voice for these animals who are bound for the most harrowing voyage of their life, and at the end (if they survive) are in for a brutal and horrendous death.

We have watched many videos where these sheep and cattle have been knee-deep or in most videos all their legs are covered in their own excrement. Lamb's and calves have been born and died because of this. I need to include cattle in this submission as they are being treated just as inhumane as sheep are.

The ban for live export of sheep has been long overdue, tens of thousands of sheep have already died aboard ships. Many, many more will have to endure suffering, abuse, pain, and potentially horrific deaths.

The government made a commitment, supported by the majority of Australians, to end the live export of sheep which it must now fulfil.

New Zealand's landmark ban proves that ending this trade without delay is possible, and past investigations and reviews indicate that a swift shutdown of live exports will prevent the prolonged suffering of animals.

The amount of sheep and cattle that die on these death voyages must be a huge cost to the companies. The costs of maintaining these ships, the costs of food for these poor sheep and cattle. The cost of wages for workers and other hidden costs of general upkeep.

Instead of sending these sheep and cattle to a horrific death overseas, Australia has strict and ethical laws surrounding the treatment of all animals, why not create more jobs here by allowing our own butchers and abattoirs to treat these sheep and cattle with the respect and dignity they deserve.

I can buy crumbed squid from Peru in the supermarket freezer, it must pass Food Safety Regulations before it can be placed on our shelves. Therefore, if other meat and seafood products can make it to Australia from overseas, which are fit for human consumption, our frozen meats can make it worldwide.

I urge you Honourable Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Honourable Murray Watt, and the entire Labor Government of Australia, to lead a kinder path ending the live export trade of sheep and cattle this elected term and continue to work towards the complete eradication of live-animal export in Australia.

Thank you for taking the time to read this submission.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Kerry Richards.