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Submission to the Australian Government regarding Live Export of Australian Sheep.

I supported Labor in the last election which was consequently won by Labor and that was due to the policy that Labor would start to stop Live Export of Australian animals - full stop. I now expect Labor to be true to this policy that influenced myself and many others to vote Labor at the last election.

I have always found that the Australian government allows this inexcusable suffering of our animals astonishing bad form. Whilst it might strictly fall within regulatory limits the journey these poor animals are subjected to is so last century. If places like New Zealand for example can put a full stop under live animal exports why the hell cant Australia match that commitment to the values and morals of a 21st century first world country like Australia? Be seen to be behaving like a 21st century modern liberal government for the people.

The phase out needs to happen immediately. The end of it needs to happen immediately after that. It is just not a sustainable mindset for a modern government to continue to turn a blind eye to this atrocity. There are sure to be many ways the Australian government and Australian general public can support sheep farmers to make a transition. We all know how expensive food is at the moment - why not feed us locals first ?

It is not the place of Australia to supply food to foreign countries where basic infrastructure means these poor animals will continue to suffer if they survive the journey by sea. It is not their fault most of these third world countries don't have electricity and ways to store fresh meat. They need to get into the 21st century not us Australians go back 300 years to a time when this was considered normal and acceptable. We can supply these foreign countries with frozen meat slaughtered here in Australia by humane methods. It is up to foreign countries to lift their game not us to behave in a backward manner.

Animal live export is just not even remotely acceptable in this day and age and Australians can see that. That's after all why I voted Labor this time.

Please STOP Live Animal Exports.

Sincerely Lesley Thornton