

As someone who is deeply concerned about the animal welfare aspects associated with live export of animals from Australia, I strongly support the phase-out of this trade as soon as possible. I am one of many who will be very glad to see an end to the live export trade. I have been supporting Animals Australia for years as they work toward this result.

New Zealand has set a good example internationally in already ending live export, unfortunately following the tragic loss of a ship in recent years. For Australia to also end the live export trade will boost our reputation as a country of compassion, not cruelty.

Animal welfare is at the heart of this issue. For sheep and cattle to endure lengthy sea journeys then unregulated or unstunned slaughter in other countries is unacceptably cruel.

This phase-out needs to happen as soon as possible. I believe farmers should be supported by the Government in this transition.