

Myself and majority of Australians strongly support a Live Export Ban. I also acknowledge and agree that Farmers need to be supported by the government to help in this transition. The positive impact of this ban in regards to Australia's international reputation as a fair and compassionate nation will be recognised and celebrated.

This is a ruthless industry that treats living, feeling beings as nothing more than cargo. Animals that are exported live endure stressful transport by sea and air, in cramped, unclean conditions for days or weeks at a time, often in extreme temperatures and exposed to high levels of ammonia from urea, which makes it difficult for them to breathe. Live export is inherently cruel and I voted Labour last election to see this ban finally come to fruition.

It's not possible to aim to "improve welfare" on these ships. Animals still suffer extreme heat stress. Once they step off the ship onto overseas soil all Australian animal welfare regulations go out the window and horrendous cruelty is bestowed upon them. I would like to see a complete ban in this term of parliament and a plan to support farmers implemented.

Sincerely,
Mathew Kelly