

Submission Phase out of Live Animal Export Trade

I totally support the phasing out of the Live animal export trade

I am looking for certainty that the live animal export trade will be phased out and as such I think we should legislate for this to happen and the phase out to start in this parliamentary term.

As I have noted in the past no change can occur on its own there has to be support for those who are most impacted that is the farmers and as such I am very much in favour of the government offering support to the farmers in the transition period leading to the end to the live animal export trade.

It is well documented that our continued involvement in the live animal export trade does have an effect on our international reputation as a compassionate nation interested in the human treatment of livestock. The longer this trade continues the more damage there is to our reputation.

While I have not always voted Labour I did so in the last election mainly because of the stand and commitment the Labour Party made to end this cruel trade.

The live animal export trade has been proven to be cruel for the animals no matter what safeguards have been put in place and most animals are highly stressed and slaughtered without being stunned.

This trade cannot continue and it is the human population who are charged with looking after the animals in a cruelty free way and this is certainly not the care in the live animal export trade.

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