

As the founder of Stand Against Live Animal Exports, please accept my petition with 446,751 signatures as the submission for those who've signed.

These signatures support an end to Live Animal Export, however since the current government is only looking to phase out Live Sheep Export I implore the agriculture minister to accept these signatures for the Live Sheep Export issue.

It's terrific that Labor have created a panel to map the phase out however I see the plan is to phase it out next term which I find extremely concerning. Many Australian's voted Labor on the promise Live Sheep Exports would end "THIS" term.

But this government is playing with words and voters wishes, there is no guarantee that Labor will retain leadership come next election. The Australian people are realising Labor has reneged on their promise, so why should we trust them for another term.

Live Animal Export is an industry that is unnecessary, it is an industry that creates an excessive amount of torture for farm animals.

Many animals do not survive the horrendous ship voyage. If 1 animal dies en route, that animal has not fed a village, it has died in vain, we can do better. Our frozen export industry is a far better option.

In some countries these animals are subjected to the most heinous cruelty, animals can be beaten with sledgehammers, have their tendons slashed with a knife so the animal collapses and cannot stand, they put chillies in their eyes so they cannot see and some are sold for sex.

Australia has no jurisdiction once these animals leave our shores. Animals can be sold off the dock, driven for hours in the heat of the day and slaughtered in a back yard by an unskilled butcher.

The ships dump tons of animal body waste, corpses overboard every journey, if one of these ships has a malfunction, the ships can spill diesel, oil and other contaminants into the worlds oceans, you just need to take a look at The Great Barrier Reef to see the impact the "waste" and other pollutants from these ships have on our earth.

This industry should end on cruelty grounds alone but if you look at the entirety of this industry, there is no reason remotely good enough to continue Live Animal Export, however ending Live Sheep Export this term is a start.

Therefore I Stand Against Live Animal Exports and forever will.

Be the government who will forever be remembered for ending this savage industry.

<https://www.change.org/p/australia-it-s-time-to-end-live-animal-exports/u/31460099>

Lisa Margetts & 446,750 other people.