

Submission for the phasing out of the live export trade.

The phasing out of the live export trade must begin and end as soon as possible. Every delay that we encounter means that more innocent animals are being subjected to unnecessary cruelty and inexcusable suffering. This suffering begins with the sea transport with a grueling trip often endured in very high temperatures with some animals unable to access water and food. This inhumane trip then ends with the fully conscious slaughter of these scared and suffering animals in the imported countries. If these conditions for animal welfare are not allowed to take place in Australia then why do we subject our animals to these treacherous conditions? No animal deserves to be subjected to such inhumane conditions in the name of food.

Australians want certainty that this cruel trade will end and that this phase out ends as quickly as possible and commences within this term of parliament.

I am deeply saddened that the practice of the live export trade continues, and I fully support the phasing out of this cruel and unnecessary trade as a matter of urgency.

I support Australian farmers and believe that they should be receiving support from government to help them with the transition to phase out this trade.

The live export trade currently has a negative result on Australia's international reputation as a fair and compassionate nation. This cruel trade undermines the public trust in Australia's agriculture sector. New Zealand has already set a precedent in ending the live export trade and we need to follow suit as the time has come and this needs to happen now.

In the last election I voted for Labor based on their promises to phase out the live export industry and I am very hopeful that Labor will follow through with their election promise. If these promises are broken, then how can we ever have faith in the political system? I will not support or vote for them again if these promises are not put into practice.

The live export industry is inherently cruel and even with regulations in place, when they are followed, the sheep still suffer heat stress at sea and painful un stunned slaughter overseas. There is nothing more important to me right now than seeing an end to the Live Export trade now. We need to start making a difference and following the lead of countries like New Zealand. We shouldn't look back on this cruel trade and see that this unnecessary suffering went on way too long. We need to be seen as a compassionate and caring nation and we simply cannot do that whilst we continue to export live animals!