

My name is Viktoria and I support the phase-out of live export. Millions of our sheep and cattle suffer unnecessarily during live export because of the **unbearable conditions on board**. The extreme stress, illness and injury the animals endure can go on for journeys of up to 35 days. Thousands of animals die in transit each year as there are high stocking densities to fit as many animals on board as possible. The animals also suffer cruel slaughter and handling practices on arrival at their destination.

Australians want certainty that this trade will end as soon as possible and that the phase-out is legislated and commences in this term of parliament.

The government needs to help the farmers in the transition to sustainable agriculture.

Australia is considered to be a compassionate nation, however, we allow this cruel trade which also has created a bad reputation for the country.

This trade is inherently cruel as even if regulations were followed, the innocent animals still suffer heat stress at sea and painful unstunned slaughter overseas.

Part of the reason I supported the Labor party this election was to see that the party is going to keep their promise of phasing out live export.

Kindest,

Viktoria