

## Submission to end live export of ALL animals to overseas countries.

The ending of live export of sheep, cattle, camels & all animals is long overdue. Tens of thousands of sheep have already died aboard ships, and many more will be subjected to suffering, abuse, pain, and potentially horrendous deaths the longer this trade is permitted to continue. **The government made a commitment, supported by the majority of Australians, to end the live export of sheep – which it must now fulfil.**

New Zealand's landmark ban proves that ending this trade without delay is possible, and past investigations and reviews indicate that a swift shutdown is necessary to prevent the prolonged suffering of animals.

Australia's international reputation as a fair & compassionate nation is at stake here. Defending Live Export undermines public trust in the Australia's agricultural sector.

Of course, sheep are not the only victims of this cruel trade. A 2021 PETA Asia investigation in Indonesia found Australian cattle being improperly stunned and killed in painful, abhorrent ways. The footage shows that despite a government assurance scheme, cruelty is systemic in the industry.

In conclusion the phase-out must begin and end as soon as possible. Every delay means more sheep subjected to inexcusable suffering – from the daily stresses of sea transport to fully conscious slaughter in importing countries.

*"Animals are not things. They are sentient living beings."*

Kind Regards

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