

Support for the Live export ban

I am writing to express my strong support for the live export ban that has finally been announced by the Albanese government.

This is a ban which is long overdue and very welcomed by many.

Since this live export ban was announced, I have unfortunately seen continuing one sided, invalid and disruptive protests against the ban mostly by WA farmers who are putting their profit before their morals.

As we all are very aware exporting live animals by sea for long distances in unbearable (as well documented) conditions to overseas locations where we have no further control over their welfare regulations is a barbaric and extremely unethical practice.

It has been proven that thousands of animals die in these travel conditions every year and endure unforgivable suffering in the process.

Any live export farmer who would like to argue that they hold high standards of animal welfare practice will need to answer why they are shipping their sheep or cattle out for weeks in these conditions to these locations each year to support their case. I simply don't believe that they would hold any value towards animal welfare when involved in this cruel trade with their main focus being primarily their profit.

I very much understand that farmers need to make a living, I think we all understand this but if a farmer has chosen this particular trade where profit overrides ethical value then perhaps, they need to re consider what they do, how they do it and other farming practices which hold a far higher ethical value in what they do.

I have been supporting all organisations pledging for this ban for many years and I am delighted and relieved that it has finally been announced.

The UK as an example has finally been able to ban this barbaric export trade and has only left it this late due to being under previous EU rules, it would've otherwise done this sooner. New Zealand has also banned this and were ahead by putting this in place last year.

It is very evident that the live export trade is thankfully becoming less accepted by more countries around the world due to the well documented and very simple fact that it is not acceptable to be putting any living being through this kind of suffering for profit.

I thank the Albanese government for this long-awaited ban and very much urge this government to not give in to invalid arguments opposing the ban. Australia would very much fall behind the rest of the world if it lifted this ban.

Thank you

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