

I am writing as a concerned citizen.

I was shocked and dismayed, like many other Australians to see the disgusting way the live export trade is treating animals/sheep. I was appalled but not surprised. This sort of cruelty has gone on for years and years and years. Many years ago I lived in a house with people from Fremantle in Perth and they told me about the horrible smells and cries from the sheep at Fremantle port as the sheep were shipped off to the Middle East. They told me how cruel and awful it was, but felt that nothing could be done because the trade was so lucrative that greed would always win out.

So I am very pleased that at last something is being done. At last the secret has escaped and people can see for themselves just how awful and cruel-- and in the end unnecessary this industry is. I am writing this submission to add my voice to the many people around Australia who want this stopped. We don't want any more 'research' 'risk assessment' 'heat assessment' or any other tactics of avoidance and obscurantism. We want the cruelty to stop! No ifs, no buts. And no euphemistic PR or gaslighting tactics please. Just stop this trade.

This is a trade in horror and if you can't see it I feel sorry for you and your family -- what sort of person can rationalise this sort of treatment -- and scared for the rest of us that we have to live in a world with such desensitised, inhumane, unfeeling people. This is a trade that is unnecessary and driven only by greed. There is no measuring suffering of this sort. And it seems there is no recourse, no civil courts that can judge the perpetrators of this. And maybe there should be. We need to not only stop this trade, but make it illegal with very severe penalties for anyone perpetrating this crime.

Women have at last stood up and against their oppressors, traditional male values of callous behaviour, with the #metoo movement. We now need everyone to stand up for the voiceless among us. We need thinking and caring people to imagine a better world where this sort of cruelty would not be tolerated, no ifs no buts.

Thank-you