

Dear Panel

I am writing to show my interim support for all eight recommendations made by the Panel in the review of the Heat Stress Risk Assessment model for live sheep export with a long term view to the end of all live export.

We are a wealthy country who should be setting the animal welfare bar high, to lead by example.

As Jeremy Bentham famously said ,

“The question is not, Can they reason?, nor Can they talk? but, Can they suffer? Why should the law refuse its protection to any sensitive being?”

Yes, they most certainly can suffer. Animals are more like us than they are different.

We teach our children not to bully or hurt animals, the mark of a psychopath is their abuse of animals.

Why does making a profit from abuse vindicate it? Please end ALL live export.

Thank you

ps Just as I was submitting, this came up on the ABC. Times are changing, at last.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-02-14/australian-first-act-may-legally-recognise-animals-feelings/10811218>