

I am extremely concerned about where the live animal export is going. I do not believe that a temporary ban is appropriate, nor do I trust that strict measures in international abattoirs will be adhered to, who will be monitoring this and how often? Who will be monitoring transport from the ships to the final location and how often? What action is being taken about the condition on the long journey overseas? Who is monitoring the length of time these animals are journeying in these conditions?

It is not appropriate that increased profit is more important than our humanity. The concerns around live exporting is not only about the treatment upon arrival but also about their well being during these long trips and the inhumane treatment they undergo in preparation for the trip. These concerns are not going to go away, ever. Trade needs to evolve as humanity does, this practise cannot continue. Slavery was profitable as well but the world survived its abolishment, this is no different except the economical effect will be a lot less.

Do the right thing. New Zealand had the guts to ban live exports and stand behind their convictions, why can't we. Let's show we are a humane nation to the rest of the world. A total ban is the only acceptable and reasonable decision to make.

To simplify things further. If something is wrong it's wrong it's as simple as that and all the debating and "BUT"s in the world is not going to make it right. Live exporting is wrong, it is not an opinion, it is a fact. Ban live export because it is wrong.

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