

## Expert and public consensus for a ban

New Zealanders and animal welfare experts overwhelmingly support the ban on live export by sea. During the Government's previous review of the trade, 86% of submissions advocated for a total ban. MPI's own animal welfare advisors (NAWAC) recommended the ban, alongside animal welfare experts at SAFE, SPCA, World Animal Protection and many others.

## A risk to New Zealand's international reputation

Several countries, including Australia, Luxembourg, Brazil, and the European Union, are already following in New Zealand's footsteps by taking steps to phase out the practice. Overturning New Zealand's ban on live export is a grave risk to New Zealand's reputation as a nation with strong animal welfare standards.

## Countless animals will suffer if Live Export returns

Our collective voice has the power to protect innocent animals.

**Take action** to ensure Aotearoa's animals are treated with the compassion and dignity they deserve:

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# PROTECT THE BAN!

Say **NO** to  
Live Export  
by sea



On 30 April 2023, Aotearoa enacted a **world-leading ban** on the live export of cows, sheep, deer, and goats by sea.

The ban was implemented following decades of substantial evidence indicating that animals are harmed in the trade. **However, this historic victory for animals is under threat as the new Government intends to reinstate live export.**



## Urgent threat to animal welfare

Animals selected for live export are taken from their familiar herds and made to endure harrowing journeys to countries with little to no animal protection laws.

Transport by sea is inherently stressful for animals. They are exposed to rough waters, lack of ventilation and prolonged periods of standing in their own excrement, leading to increased risk of heat stress, injury, illness, and death.

In their destination countries, animals are vulnerable to being treated in ways that may be illegal in New Zealand.

“The reality is they are mainly going to large feedlot operations, where there is high mortality and poor fertility. The way they treat bobby calves shouldn’t be mentioned in public, and they don’t have any significant welfare protocols for transport or slaughter.”

— Dr John Hellstrom, former Chair of the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC)



## Disasters waiting to happen

Seven livestock vessels have been lost since 2009, including the Gulf Livestock 1 which capsized in the East China Sea in 2020, taking the lives of 5,867 cows and 41 crew members (including two New Zealanders). Analysis by *The Guardian* found that live export ships are at least twice as likely to suffer a total loss through sinking as standard cargo vessels.

