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To Whom it May Concern

Please note that I strongly support the phase-out of the live export of sheep by sea.

Australians need certainty that this trade will end. The phase-out should be legislated and commenced in this term of parliament. It should begin and end as soon as possible.

This trade is inherently cruel. We have the opportunity to restore Australia's international reputation as a fair and compassionate nation, alongside our near neighbour New Zealand.

I would be supportive of farmers' receiving some government support during this transition. I am also supportive of re-establishing meat processing systems in Australia, within a framework including the oversight of animal welfare by an independent body.

I supported Labor at the 2022 election partly based on this commitment.

Please do this and do it well – for farmers, consumers and sheep.

Thank you.

