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I am writing to express my strong support for the phasing out of live sheep exports (and live export of all animals) from Australia. I have just read that New Zealand has now enacted a ban on live animal exports, and that Brazil has begun legislation to enact a similar ban on the live export of cattle.

I know that Australia has come a long way in its treatment of farm animals destined for slaughter. But live animal exporting is unacceptable. Animals inevitably suffer during the long journey overseas, and – once in other territories – there is no way of ensuring that they are slaughtered humanely.

I am in favour of government support for Australian producers to help them transition away from live exports, and hope the process towards a ban continues as swiftly as possible.

As a Brazilian judge recently noted, animals are not things; they are sentient beings that deserve our respect and compassion.

Thank you for inviting members of the public to voice their (ie. our) opinions on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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