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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to share my views about the live sheep export trade, which concerns me profoundly. The suffering *cannot be justified* on any level and I strongly believe it should be terminated.

I live in a rural area, and my views, which are outlined below, are not isolated.

A FAIR GO: This debate seems to be going on ad infinitum, and it has been demonstrated, animals continue to suffer excruciating deaths. It is *unacceptable* in a country such as Australia, which prides itself on a 'fair go'. Surely that means compassion and fairness for all, and while, animal welfare, is enshrined in legislation, it doesn't stop the inherent cruelty.

END THE TRADE NOW: The government needs to legislate to end this ASAP, in this term of Parliament. I was elated to see that NZ have ended live export! While Australia has lost the opportunity to set this precedent, we can still try and redeem our international reputation.

PUBLIC TRUST: Surely defending the live export trade undermines public trust in our agricultural sector, which must reflect not only sustainability, but also the ethical treatment of animals.

FARMERS: I appreciate that farmers may need government support during this transition period. It is surely the government's role to help create more sustainable industries, which reflect the values of our society.

I will close by asking you why this *inherently cruel* situation has continued for so long when it has been proven that, despite animal welfare legislation, animals continue to suffer? It is unsustainable, unethical and grossly improper in today's world.

Yours sincerely,

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