

25th May 2023

Dear Mr Albanese,

Subject: Phasing out of Live Sheep Export

I was so relieved during the last election to hear of Labor's commitment to ending live sheep export and, as a result, had no hesitation to placing my primary vote to Labor.

Australians want certainty that this trade will end. Sheep are subject to inexcusable suffering and are often taken to countries where they face fully conscious slaughter.

Other countries, such as New Zealand, have already made this move and have thereby demonstrated to the rest of the world that they are fair and compassionate nations. Defending this trade not only impacts our international reputation but also undermines public trust in Australia's agriculture sector.

I don't have the answers for the survey but, as close partners, New Zealand banned live export back in 2008, I'm sure that much can be learned from them.

I support farmers receiving government support to help them to transition but this should not be used as an excuse to hold up the phasing out of this cruel trade.

In recent years, my husband and I have attended a number of live export protests. I am 68, my husband is 70, and neither of us had ever been involved in protests in our lives but we were absolutely appalled, when we realised the suffering that was legally being endured by these gentle, sentient beings. The images exposed have been horrendously imprinted in my mind.

Since coming into office, you have demonstrated a level of compassion that I have not seen before in Australian politics. I thank you for great leadership and look forward to hearing that your government is extending the phase out of live export to cattle and other animals.

Yours sincerely,

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