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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to say that I support the phase-out of live sheep exports by sea. The evidence is clear that live export consistently causes extreme suffering to the animals. This issue has been a concern for some time now with no sign of industry moving to improve conditions. Further more there is no evidence that suffering could be entirely alleviated by better practice and there is also the issue of Australia having no real control over how our animals are kept, transported and slaughtered at their destination. This trade is inherently cruel – and even when all regulations are followed, sheep still suffer heat stress at sea and painful un-stunned slaughter overseas.

For these reasons I am strongly opposed to live export.

I am from a rural part of Australia and value our farmers, their hard work and their overall contribution to society and community. I am in support of farmers receiving government support to help them to transition through the phase out.

This issue was an election consideration for me and will be in the future.

