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**Consultation- Phase out of live sheep exports by sea**

I urge the Australian Prime Minister and the Labor government to commit to a kinder future for animals by phasing out of live animal exports.

I am a concerned Australian who is interested in animal welfare. I have concerns about live animal exports, which comprises not only sheep but also cattle shipments.

I would like the following noted:

- New Zealand has recently committed to a ban of live sheep exports. This is a great outcome and demonstrates leadership by New Zealand.
- Live animal exports have resulted in the cruel deaths of tens of thousands of animals at sea. This is not acceptable.
- Cattle should be included in the live animal export ban. Cattle experience extreme forms of cruelty on arriving in foreign countries, and are often inhumanely killed despite attempts to introduce standards overseas.
- Australia is a wealthy country that has high animal husbandry and care practices. However we continually fail farm animals, which are often exempt from domestic animal cruelty standards. We can aim higher to become a more humane society that cares for all animal species.

