

Dear Mr. Phillip Glyde, the Hon Warren Snowdon, Ms. Sue Middleton, and Ms. Heather Neil,

I am writing on behalf on my mother and father, and myself, to ardently request that the government does not defer the cessation of live sheep exports.

In the event Labor isn't elected for a second term, it is unlikely the following government will give this another thought.

We voted for Albanese's Labor Government on the understanding that this would be one of the issues addressed upon victory.

We wish them to please fulfill their promise and enact this change now, and prevent needless suffering.

They have a chance, as a gentle and humanitarian government, currently in power, to right this terrible wrong, and create a lasting good upon the earth.

With the world in the parlous state it's in, with war and famine and plague, and with misery all over the face of the earth, Australia should lead the way in kind and humanitarian actions, in the hope of producing a cascade effect upon other countries, and upon society as a whole.

Currently Australia has an abysmal record for animal cruelty. We are the worst performer on the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) index, along with Belarus.

There is infinitely more that can be done to remove this stain on our country's reputation, but this would be an admirable first attempt to wipe it away, and an action the government has already committed itself to. In these uncertain times, deferring this action is as good (or rather, bad) as dismissing it.

Our family wholly supports the government providing assistance to farmers and exporters during this transition period. Although our family would wish for a ban on all factory farming of animals, we understand the limitations, if not impossibility of achieving this.

We suggest this would be an excellent time, however, to begin to at least move away from factory farming, and the horrors and environmental damage it causes, through investment in small farms and green, agricultural renewal.

Most respectfully,

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