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To Whom it May Concern

I am writing in relation to the phasing out of the live sheep export trade. I was happy to hear the Labor government's plan to look at stopping the live export trade during the last election campaign and this certainly swayed my vote in support of them

I urge the government to put an end to live export as soon as possible. The poor animals are subjected to extreme stress being transported by sea to countries with very low/no animal welfare laws. They are slaughtered in the most brutal of ways, no stunning so are fully conscious until the end.

I understand that many farmers will be losing out financially with the end of live export however government assistance should be provided to help them transition to a new income.

If New Zealand is leading the way in banning live export then Australia must follow. The world is becoming more compassionate and aware of animal welfare, and Australia will be an international embarrassment if we allow this archaic trade to continue.

Your sincerely

