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To whom it may concern,

RE: LIVE SHEEP EXPORT

I refer to the above matter and advise I would like to see the government phase out live sheep and cattle exports.

Perhaps the government could reduce the number of animals being sent for live export and inform the countries that are buying our sheep and cattle that the live exports will be phased out and offer them pre cut and packaged meat to the countries that are buying sheep/cattle from us via live export.

The timeframe to implement the phase out should be as soon as possible.

I have listed above the support and adjustment options for those who will be impacted by the phase out.

Phasing out the live animal export will also lead to expand domestic processing and increase sheep/cattle meat exports. This would create more jobs for Australians.

The phase out must begin as soon as possible to end the inexcusable suffering our sheep and cattle experience from the daily stresses of sea transport to fully conscious slaughter in importing countries.

I support an and to phase out live sheep/cattle export.

Farmers could receive support from the government to support them in the transition.

The impact of this trade on Australia's international reputation as a fair and compassionate nation, noting that New Zealand's precedent in ending live export. Defending this trade undermines public trust in Australia's agricultural sector.

This trade is inherently cruel and even when regulations are adhered to, sheep and cattle still suffer from heat stress at sea and painful un-stunned slaughter overseas.

I urge you to phase out live sheep/cattle export.