

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a concerned member of the public, writing to urge you to bring an end to the barbaric live export trade and to ask that this end should be initiated at the next term of Parliament.

I voted for Labour precisely because of their policy to end this cruel and unnecessary trade of live animals. Even with all the protocols in place sheep suffer from heat stress. We have seen so much footage and felt ashamed and horrified that Australia still hasn't acted.

We need to follow New Zealand's example with no delays.

I lived in Egypt and I saw daily, horrible treatment of animals. Sheep being dragged along the street by one leg. A camel sitting alive on a trailer, next to another whose head had been chopped off. Slitting their throats while still alive was just what men did to sheep.

There is no reason why we cannot send boxed meat. In the long run it will be far more economically viable.

Australian farmers should get government support to help them through this transition phase.

Yours Sincerely,

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