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Australian Government  
Department of Agriculture  
Fishes and Forestrs

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Live Export Phase Out.**

I write in much support for **ending** live the live export trade. This **CRUEL** Trade needs to be legislated in this term of Parliament NOT in the distant future to **CEASE** Animal welfare is paramount and this live trade is **BARBARIC** Sheep IF they survive are heat stressed, full of excrement, and so weak they can't walk, then sheep are dragged to carts, boots of cars and off to be slaughtered in an inhumane way! The same goes for cattle as they to are inhumanely slaughtered with no animal welfare officers in sight and NO stun gun either. Recent investigations have aired on national television, inhumane treatment of our animals in overseas countries and knowing this, this trade has been allowed to continue on. New Zealand has led the way by setting a precedent, and earn't International recognition by phasing out both live sheep and cattle. Australia should follow and unite. As Australia is seen as a fair and compassionate country, so therefore joining our neighbouring country, will be seen as a powerful alliance for Animal Welfare.

Public trust in Australia's agricultural sector is so important, and therefore continuing with this Barbaric trade will be seen as a failure, of a political party.

Primary Production doesn't have to include live trade. Encouraging other countries to accept frozen meat is another option. Being an ex dairy farmer, farmers will survive, by showing

resilience, as we have always had to be. Sourcing other avenues with pulses and seeds, as many sheep farmers have already begun, is a way of diversifying.

Plant protein seems to be a way of the future, and together with Organic farming the use of harmful chemicals are ceased. People today have become more aware and interested, to be informed of how food in general, arrives at our dinner tables. Organic food consumers, some 27%, buy it for Ethical and Animal Welfare considerations. Organic farming, is generating on a global scale \$187 billion dollars, and growing at 12% per year. Australia has the most certified organic farmland in the world, some 23 million hectares.

By diversifying into Australia's 2 billion industry, incentives could be offered as support for those in transitioning. As some of Australia's land isn't arable, other opportunities and options to expand are, more domestic processing and to increase exports. Across the supply chain Government can support farmers and other business's whilst transition occurs. Exploring options of domestic processing together with education on other avenues of cropping where it's suitable.

I sincerely support farmers who choose to recognise that our Animal Welfare, is so important and support the need to cease Live trade. Farmers have always treated animals with kindness and welfare whilst on their farms but the almighty dollar blinds the awareness of the **INHUMANE SLAUGHTER** overseas. Encouraging other practices of trade either in Australia or Overseas can be achieved with education and exploring options to achieve a monetary gain. I look forward to this Government making a commitment to Legislate Live Trade in this term of Parliament as soon as possible

Yours sincerely,

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