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## **To everyone in our Labor Federal Government**

**I voted Labor in the last election solely because of your policy of winding up the live sheep export trade if you won the May 21 election ... and you did win!**

Please, would you start the phasing-out process as a matter of urgency because every delay means more sheep will be subjected to inexcusable and unbearable suffering in the sea journey, and painful un-stunned slaughter in the destination countries.

**Live sheep export is animal cruelty in the extreme.**

Not only do our sheep suffer the searing heat on the long sea journey, but upon arrival in the destination country we have seen videos of these gentle sheep being tossed alive onto the roofs of vehicles and tied down, or tied up and thrown alive into the boots of vehicles. Imagine the temperature inside those car boots. These countries don't seem to respect that animals feel pain or suffer fear and stress.

**I totally support the phase-out of this inherently cruel live animal export trade.**

I am so grateful that at last we have a government that will be legislating to end it for good, but I am sure you will find that most Australians will need certainty from you that this trade will end. **My sincere plea to you is that the phase-out be legislated and commenced in this term of Parliament, and that the live export trade ends as soon as possible.**

**Our farmers are the people who will feel the pain of phasing out this trade and I totally support the idea of providing them with government support** to help them transition. Australia has an excellent international reputation of being a very fair and compassionate nation, so defending this live export trade only undermines the trust of decent-minded Australian people in our agricultural sector.

**People in the Middle East and Africa have refrigerators!**

<https://www.globaldata.com/data-insights/retail-and-wholesale/market-size-of-retail-household-appliances-in-middle-east-africa/>

**ie: do we really need to export live sheep to these countries??**

**New Zealand has ended their live export trade, they have set the precedent! So c'mon Aussie, C'MON!!!**

Yours sincerely,  
Lynne Taylor,

