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**RE: Policy to end live sheep export**

My support for the Labour government in the last election was based on the many benevolent policies promised. The policy to end live sheep export is one I wholeheartedly support. Therefore, I respectfully ask the Australian Government to phase out live sheep export by sea without delay. Every postponement to this policy will only prolong the suffering.

The trade is inherently cruel even when all regulations are followed. Sheep suffer great stress at sea from heat with painful un-stunned slaughter overseas. Defending the trade serves to undermine public trust in Australia's agricultural sector.

With New Zealand becoming the first country in the world to end the live export trade, hundreds of thousands of animals will be spared from horrific suffering. I would like to see the country I now so proudly call home, follow in these footsteps and demonstrate to the world just what a fair and compassionate nation we are.

Yours sincerely,

Renee Murray

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