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Dear Mr Albanese

I am writing to express my strong support for the phase-out of live exports of ALL animals, including sheep exports by sea. The evidence is clear that the live export industry is inhumane and cruel to animals, and it is time for Australia to take a leadership role in animal welfare.

I urge the government to implement a phased approach to banning live exports. This phased approach should prioritize the welfare of animals and ensure that the impact on exporters, farmers, and other businesses across the supply chain is considered.

The timeframe for implementing the phase-out should be no longer than one year. This will provide exporters, farmers, and other businesses in the supply chain with adequate time to adjust and transition to new market opportunities.

It is important to recognize that the phase-out of live exports will have significant impacts on exporters, farmers, and other businesses in the supply chain. However, there are support and adjustment options available to those who are impacted by the phase-out.

The government should consider providing financial support to affected businesses, as well as investing in programs to help farmers transition to other forms of farming. Additionally, the government should work with industry to develop new market opportunities.

I believe that the phase-out of live exports presents an opportunity for Australia to lead the world in animal welfare standards and improve the reputation of the Australian agricultural industry by focusing on plant production, rather than exploiting innocent, vulnerable animals. The government should seize this opportunity and work collaboratively with industry to ensure a smooth transition to new market opportunities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,