

To whom it may concern,

I have been an avid opponent of the live export trade for many years.

The cruelty it inflicts on sentient animals is absolutely abhorrent. I understand that many lives are dependent on this practice, but the lives of the animals forced into this dreadful practice matter, too.

I fully support the Government providing assistance to farmers to aid the transition from live export to other farming.

Our country suffers internationally – we are seen as encouraging animal abuse because the official position on live export is that it is acceptable. It is not. New Zealand is way ahead of us in banning live export. Once again, our friends across the ditch have so many things right that we just don't seem to want to achieve.

I supported Labor in the last election because they announced there would be positive action regarding the policy of finally stopping live export.

I won't support them if they don't come through with this policy. Australians want to know that this hideous practice will finally end permanently, and we want to know that the process to end this will commence in this term of parliament, and that live export finally ends as soon as possible.

This cruel, inhuman trade must end, and end now.

Yours sincerely,

