Minister Address

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Dear Minister

**Re: Live Sheep export by sea independent panel consultation process**

The export of live sheep by sea from Australia is an industry that has contributed considerable value to Australian agriculture and the regional economy. The sector employs shearers, truck drivers, fodder suppliers, livestock agents, veterinarians, farmers, producers, and their families. Removing it creates uncertainty for farmers and their families and has detrimental flow-on effects on regional communities.

The live sheep export trade by sea is vital to the Australian economy and is worth over $250 million annually. Phasing out live sheep exports by sea will lead to job losses and economic hardship for many rural communities. For example, in Western Australia, the live export industry supports over 2,000 jobs plus many others in connected industries across regional Australia. A phase out of live sheep exports by sea will devastate families and communities.

**Insert your personal impact of what a future without live sheep export by sea would look like and highlight the likely economic impacts.**

The Australian live export industry has made significant investments in animal welfare and transport standards over the years. The industry has strict regulations and self-imposed standards to ensure animal welfare is of the highest standard.

I ask you to use your voice and influence on this matter, and work with and listen to industry stakeholders to ensure that the live sheep trade by sea continues. This will protect the livelihoods of many West Australians.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]