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THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT
OF ANIMALS

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Dear Prime Minister:

Greetings from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). With the conflict in Iran threatening to further impact fuel stocks in Australia, you've urged Australians to limit non-essential car travel. But we'd like to suggest a more powerful way to conserve fuel: **please lead by example by eliminating the unnecessary transport involved in your *diet* by going vegan.**

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Unlike fruits, vegetables and grains, no one needs to consume animal flesh to thrive, or even survive, making the fleet of road trains tasked with carrying animals to their deaths a wholly unnecessary use of fuel. The CSIRO reports that cattle from the Northern Territory travel an average of almost 1000 kilometres, and sometimes as far as 2500 kilometres, to reach slaughterhouses on the east coast.

These journeys are gruelling for the frightened animals on board, who travel without food or water, sometimes in extreme heat, arriving stressed, only to be hoisted by their hind legs to have their throats slit. Australia's animal agriculture is also heavily reliant on diesel for transport, machinery, and irrigation, with one study estimating that the fossil energy demand for beef production can reach 46.6 megajoules per kilogram of retail-ready meat.

Already, those whose profits come from killing animals have expressed concerns about fuel shortages, confirming how fuel-hungry animal agriculture is. Many say that, in times of fuel crisis, food transport should be prioritised, and we agree, but that should not include the rotting corpses of abused individuals. When prioritising fuel stocks, plant foods, which humans cannot live without, should come first.

When you consider the enormous amounts of fuel used to take animals from birth to violent death, coupled with the fact that meat isn't necessary, it's easy to see that urging Australians to go vegan will drastically, positively impact fuel stores (while lowering emissions). But it's vital that you and your fellow politicians lead by example.

We will happily provide any information you need to help you go vegan, which not only requires less fuel but also epitomises "looking after each other", including animals, who, like us, think, feel, value their lives, and don't want to be exploited and killed.

Yours sincerely,

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