

The Pamela Anderson Foundation

The Honorable Scott John Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister,

Congratulations on your appointment as Prime Minister! Australia is one of my favorite places to visit. I read your maiden speech and was glad to see that we share the same strong principles of justice and compassion. Today, I'm writing to ask that you put your compassion into action by ending the live-animal export industry.

Because of live export, millions of animals endure grueling journeys on cramped, sweltering hot ships every year. Over the weeks-long voyages, many die from dehydration, starvation, or disease, while others are trampled to death or suffocate in their own waste. Those who survive the trip face yet more suffering, as weak animal-protection laws in the Middle East allow them to be subjected to abuse and methods of slaughter that would be illegal in Australia.

By banning live export, you would be honoring your role as a representative of the people. Seventy-five percent of the Australian public opposes this barbaric trade, and a petition signed by 238,000 people calling for an end to the practice was recently sent to your parliament. The live-export trade has declined by two-thirds over the last five years. Yet a livestock export license has just been issued to a subsidiary of a company linked to the Emanuel Exports disaster (in which more than 2,400 sheep died in transit last year), sparking outrage from the public yet again. With your expertise in economics and tourism, surely you can see that this industry is on shaky ground and is a stain on Australia's global reputation.

You now have the power to make the compassionate and logical move that your predecessor did not. The people of Australia believe that live export must end, and I fully support them. Please ban this cruel industry.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pamela Anderson', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Pamela Anderson