Scot Braithwaite

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Dear Mr Braithwaite,

I’m writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our hundreds of thousands of supporters to ask you to consider removing the MV Ocean Drover from the market and instead turning it into a memorial to all the animals who died both while on board and once they arrived at their destination.

As you know, more than 200 million animals have been crammed onto cargo ships departing Australia for the Middle East over the last 30 years, and more than 2.5 million of them endured a horrific death in transit, typically from starvation, injury, or disease. The throats of those who survived were likely slit with a dull blade in a filthy market while they were still conscious. Every single one was an individual who felt fear and pain.

This is an opportunity for an industry leader such as Wellard to take meaningful action to stop such pervasive types of abuse and win the respect of the vast majority of Australians, who want to see an end to the live-export trade. By turning this ship into a memorial, you’d not only ensure that the vessel is no longer used to cause animals pain and suffering but also help remind Australians of what happened to each of these frightened cows and sheep and steer us into a kinder future.

We hope you’ll take up our suggestion and remove yourselves from this filthy industry.

Yours sincerely,



Mimi Bekhechi

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