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Hon Stephen Mullighan MP Minister for Transport and Infrastructure GPO Box 1533 ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear Mr Mullighan

Livestock SA is very concerned about Adelaide Metro buses carrying advertising opposing the live export of animals: the text being "LIVE EXPORT it's a crime against animals."

Given that live export of sheep, cattle and goats is not illegal why would the Adelaide Metro system carry a message stating it to be a crime? Livestock SA believes this continual sullying of the livestock industry is disgraceful.

The livestock industry in South Australia is one of the few shining lights in a rather dismal South Australian economic patchwork. The industry generates nearly \$1.3 billion per annum from sheep meat, wool, beef and goats. This is over 21% of the total South Australian production.

Of this production live exports make up 12% of live sheep exports, 1% of live cattle exports and 32% of live goat exports. This is a significant contributor to the financial wellbeing of farmers in the State with that benefit subsequently flowing to the State as a whole.

The industry continues to expand with figures from the 2014/2015 financial year showing a national live cattle increase of 22% on the 2013/2014 figures, and an increase of 9% in live sheep exports – with an associated increase of 32% in value of live sheep.

Livestock SA believes the live export of cattle, sheep and goats should be supported and that support should include the removal of the inaccurate and offensive advertising from the rear of Adelaide Metro buses.

Yours sincerely

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