

RE: Commit to No Live Sales of Decapods to the Public

Dear Aldi,

I am writing to you to ask you to update your animal welfare policies in relation in crustacean decapods which includes lobsters, crabs, langoustines, and prawns.

In 2022 decapod crustaceans were recognised by law in the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act which means they can feel pain and joy just like other animals.

You have published animal welfare policies for your other animals in the food chain, and say Aldi is committed to the sustainability of the world's oceans and environment by ensuring that all of the fish and seafood used in your own-label products is responsibly sourced. As a customer I would like to see the same commitment to decapods. No one should be able to buy a live animal to kill at home, we don't accept it for any other sentient animal, and we need to update those expectations to include decapods.

I support Crustacean Compassion's campaign 'no live sales of decapods to the public' and as a major retailer including this in your welfare policies would send a clear message to everyone including seafood retailers that cruelty to these animals will not be tolerated.

I understand you might not sell them at this point but a commitment in your animal welfare policy would demonstrate that you support animal welfare no matter if they wear fur, feathers, or a shell.

Your slogan is 'Spend a little, live a lot' and as a customer of Aldi's I hope that isn't at the cost of higher animal welfare commitments.

Yours sincerely,

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