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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE PHASE-OUT OF  
AUSTRALIAN LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS BY SEA ON NEW  
SOUTH WALES**

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Live transport is awful for all species, but farmed animals in particular are known to travel very far distances while being completely deprived of food, water, rest, bedding and veterinary care. Many animals die in transport and the ones that survive suffer greatly from the barbaric and cruel industries that make money off importing and exporting them. Animals do not deserve this. They are individual sentient beings with feelings and should be treated with kindness, compassion, and respect.

Sheep are such sweet and gentle creatures and do not deserve the suffering forced upon them from the animal agriculture industry. In 2018 camera footage captured what life is like on a sheep vessel traveling from Australia and was posted online by 60 Minutes Australia. Animals Australia has provided the world with the first footage of animals aboard a live export ship. They have exposed an unlawful industry and revealed what millions of animals have endured for decades in the live export industry.

Try to imagine thousands of animals on board a ship going to the bathroom several times a day. It's a stinking mess – literally. If they want to lie down their only option is to lie on excrement and even risk being buried in it. They are literally swimming in their own faeces. If they collapse from exhaustion, they drown in it. Especially with high temperatures the untreated waste build up is completely unsanitary and out of control. Broken bones, injuries and diseases are common. The eyes and throats of these helpless animals burn from corrosive ammonia. Bodies of their family members that have already died in the putrid conditions decay around them. The fear they must experience is hard to even comprehend.

They load as many animals as they can into a single truck. They use electric prods and other cruel torture methods to force animals onto the truck if they don't go willingly. Once on board, there is no space to move, and they are not given food or water for this journey. Animals are often deprived of food and water for their entire journey when held captive in transport trucks.

The conditions on board enormous ships are so extreme and the smell is overwhelming. The sheep or cows are packed so tightly they can barely lie down let alone access food or water. During the gruelling journey it is common for animals to be denied sufficient food and water, especially when stranded at sea for longer than intended, as is becoming more frequent

Bottom line? There is no humane way to send an animal on a voyage to be killed for meat, leather, or abused in the dairy industry. All live exports must be banned.