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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE PHASE-OUT OF  
AUSTRALIAN LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS BY SEA ON NEW  
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I'm writing to support the ban on live sheep exports.

Like most Australians, I am against committing needless cruelty to sentient animals. We already know enough about how sheep suffer during long sea journeys, being subjected to extreme heat stress, overcrowding and lack of adequate care. They may be a different species than us humans, but when looking deeply at their capacity to suffer, one can see that we are not so different. They also desire freedom, love and comfort and do not deserve to be mistreated just because they are profitable to a select few.

At the same time, I also feel for the farmers affected financially by the ban. We can use this as an opportunity to create incentives and support structures that can help them transition to more sustainable practices, such as stock-free organic farming or rewilding. These will help in regenerate our ecosystems, sequester carbon and boost biodiversity while respecting the animals' right to freedom from exploitation.

Several regions have effectively eliminated live exports by investing in other ethical alternatives. For example, New Zealand's decision to end live exports by sea has led to positive results for both animal welfare and the industry. We can draw lessons from these experiences to create strategies that protect animals' rights while also supporting our farmers.

By committing to the ban, we have the chance to show the international community that compassion and kindness are important Australian values. This is a critical moment for us to be courageous and stand up to pressure from the industry and corrupt politicians that profit from violence to animals and environmental destruction. Indeed, if we are serious about tackling the climate crisis, then it is deeply immoral to reverse the ban on a practice that not only harms the animals themselves, but also is polluting our air, poisoning our water, eroding our land and eradicating our biodiversity. We need to consider how future generations will judge us for failing to act in their best interests today.