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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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his trade relies on sending hundreds of thousands of animals such as sheep and cattle on gruelling voyages for human consumption or breeding.

Animals like sheep who are sent for the purpose of slaughter often have to endure long journeys, some of which last up to three weeks long, only to be roughly handled or killed using methods that are below Australian animal welfare standards on their arrival in destination countries.

Many animals experience severe heat stress, dehydration, and starvation while others die cruel deaths or are killed – sometimes using brutal methods – onboard these cramped ships.

The animals who do survive these voyages can be handled roughly at their destination, or even killed while fully conscious.

There have been many incidents that serve as a strong reminder of why a live export ban is the only way forward.

Hundreds of thousands of sheep and cattle suffer unnecessarily during live export because of the filthy and cramped conditions onboard and the cruelly long journeys.

A ban on live exports will help safeguard these animals from these terrifying voyages to destinations where their welfare is often not guaranteed.

Our Government needs to cease live export, no matter what Gina Rinehart wants personally for her businesses, no matter what the Industry says the negative impact upon farmers is - at least the farmer's families get to go home to a safe place every night.

Please tax the coal, gas and oil industries properly and use that money to reimburse the farmers.

It is 2024, not 1924 and the public is tired of watching cruelty in action simply to make a small sector wealthy.