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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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For years I have been sickened by the live sheep export trade. The suffering these animals endure is horrific and it remains quite unbelievable that its still happening in civilised society in the 21st century.

In WA, during our hot summer, we watched daily headlines regarding a ship full of tens of thousands of animals being turned back to sea after already spending sweltering weeks on a long horrendous voyage. This is despicable animal welfare.

Shame on any government to allow these animals to endure such cruelty.

Thousands of sheep and cattle wedged against each other with no room to turn or move, standing in their own excrement with sodden hooves and enduring scorching heat.

Unacceptable on every level.

Again and again I have witnessed the horrific nature of this industry. The Albanese Government must stick to their promise to legislate an end date for the live sheep trade by sea. This cruel management of sentient animals must end.

I voted for the Labor Govt at the last election and part of this was due to their position on climate, the environment and live export.

Most Australians do not support this industry - they want to see an end to such cruelty. Just today, I was at a function where numerous people remain horrified by live export of animals. All agreed it can't be stopped soon enough.

Independent polling commissioned by the RSPCA shows that over 60% of Australians responded with support to end the live export trade, including people in rural and regional areas.

We must support farmers to transition out of live sheep exports NOW and end this barbaric practice. We must be progressive with animal welfare policy with full understanding of the sentience of these animals.

Enough is enough. It's time to deliver on the election promise and stand proud for these animals.

End the cruel live sheep trade by sea.

Thank you.