

Submission  
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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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Thank you to the NSW Committee for allowing me to make a submission in the inquiry as to the effects of live exports on NSW farmers. Firstly the inquiry needs to consider the welfare impact on sheep destined for live export. Before sheep enter ships there is road or train transport to a port. When sheep enter the ship they are subjected to long sea journeys. During these journeys sheep suffer from heat, dehydration and illness due to unsanitary conditions aboard resulting in loss of these animals. Sheep are not cargo but sentient beings and should not have to endure these conditions.

Once arrival at destinations in other countries laws that exist in Australia for slaughter can not be controlled. Sheep have been trussed, thrown into boots of cars and cruelly handled. This is before the slaughter process. These practices are unacceptable to the Australian public and can not be regulated or controlled by exporters or The Australian Government.

I believe options exist to make use of older sheep that are sent overseas. As lambs are not live exported it is the sheep that are no longer needed in the breeding process therefore by-products. Slaughter in Australia by Australian Standards and continue to grow the frozen export market. Slaughter in Australia and set up new products. This is especially relevant to the pet food market. Set up regional areas for production to help the growth of regional towns and provide much needed jobs in regional centres. Thank you Helen Walton