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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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To: The Committee for the Federal Inquiry

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Subject: Submission Regarding the Impact of the Phase Out of Australian Live Sheep Exports by Sea on NSW

I am writing to express my views on the proposed ban on live sheep export in Australia. Upholding the initial inquiry findings is crucial, not only for animal welfare considerations but also for the economic, social, and ethical implications surrounding this outdated practice.

Animal Welfare Concerns

One of the primary arguments for banning live sheep export is the treatment of animals during transport. Numerous reports have highlighted cases of overcrowding, inadequate ventilation, and extreme weather conditions leading to significant suffering and mortality rates. While regulations exist, enforcement has been inconsistent, and incidents continue to undermine the integrity of our export practices. A ban would eliminate the risks associated with long-distance transport and ensure better outcomes for animal welfare.

Economic Implications

It is essential to consider the long-term sustainability of this sector. By transitioning to a focus on processed meat exports, we can create new markets while ensuring higher welfare standards. Investing in meat processing facilities and promoting value-added products can open new opportunities for our farmers and improve economic resilience.

Ethical Considerations

The ethical dimension of animal treatment cannot be overstated. Many consumers, both domestically and internationally, are increasingly concerned about animal welfare. A ban on live exports could enhance Australia's reputation as a leader in humane treatment of animals and align our practices with consumer expectations. Emphasizing humane treatment in our agricultural policies can foster greater public trust and strengthen our market position.

Alternatives and Future Directions

If the live export ban is enacted, it is crucial to provide support for affected farmers. Training and financial assistance can help them adapt to new markets and practices.

In conclusion, the ban on live sheep export presents an opportunity to prioritize animal welfare, adapt our economy, and align with ethical standards that reflect societal values. I urge the committee to consider these factors seriously and take decisive action toward a ban that supports the welfare of animals, the economy, and our national integrity.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

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