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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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Submission to support the phase-out and eventual ban of live export of sheep by sea.

Dear sirs,

I am writing to bring to your attention the pressing issue of live animal exports and the suffering endured by animals during long sea voyages. The inherent stress and suffering experienced by animals, as well as the risks of overcrowding, drowning and lack of proper care during transport, warrant immediate attention and action. It is imperative to address these issues to ensure the humane treatment of animals, particularly considering the increasing demand from consumers for better animal welfare standards.

I urge the parliament to consider the significant impact of live animal exports on animal welfare and the environment and to take necessary actions to continue to move towards phasing out this abhorrent practice. I propose exploring alternative models, such as expanding chilled and frozen export markets, to significantly improve animal welfare and support the economy. Additionally, investing in research and development of alternative industries, such as plant-based agriculture, can offer new economic opportunities for communities and reduce reliance on animal exploitation. Furthermore, the development of lab-grown meat and other animal products as humane alternatives to live export is a promising avenue that warrants support and investment.

By promoting these humane alternatives, we can effectively address the ethical and environmental concerns associated with live animal exports. I urge the parliament to consider these points and enact legislation to improve the treatment of animals in the export industry. Banning live exports can enhance the nation's ethical reputation and contribute to the well-being of animals and the environment. Thank you for your attention to these crucial

issues. I am hopeful that the parliament will take decisive action to bring about positive change in the live animal export industry.

Sincerely, Samantha Ryan