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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE PHASE-OUT OF
AUSTRALIAN LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS BY SEA ON NEW
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May I suggest that urgent action needs to be taken to negotiate frozen meat export, so that our farmers can still produce their cattle and sheep and maintain their livelihoods.

So in banning the live export of our animals and to maintain our farmers way of life, culture and ultimately the humane treatment of our animals; steps need to be investigated and taken.

To compensate for the ban, increase investment in more abattoirs with better equipment here in Australia.

Animals can be slaughtered in humane, hygienic conditions here in Australia, the meat snap frozen and ready for immediate export.

All the safeguards that are being taken and the money spent on overseas facilities could be spent here in Australia.

The whole industry needs to be changed with everything done here in Australia with top quality abattoirs, processing and associated facilities to make it all work.

We then export top quality chilled/frozen meat to the countries where Live exports are currently going.

I'm sure improving animal handling, husbandry and slaughter techniques here in Australia, would be much easier to implement and control than overseas and the millions of dollars now going to overseas Abattoirs should be diverted to our Abattoirs which would be a huge boost to our industry.

This would increase employment in Australia for associated industries such as Transport, various crews and jobs within the Abattoirs, all the extra equipment and supplies for the abattoir workers to do their jobs.

More frozen meat can be shipped in one trip, than live animals.

This would stop so many of our livestock dying on their journey and being bludgeoned to death at the other end.

There can be more than one way to do something, so I'm suggesting a more humane approach needs to be taken with everything done here in Australia which should boost the Australian economy, even higher than what the current industry delivers.

The meat from animals that are not stressed and slaughtered in calm circumstances is of a much higher quality than from those that are stressed and badly treated.

AUSTRALIA SHOULD BE LEADING THE WAY AND SHOWING INNOVATION. Snap freeze and ship, STOP LIVE EXPORT ALTOGETHER.

Hopefully a complete rethink on this whole matter will be done. Too much reliance is being placed upon the ESCAS.