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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 NSW Parliament Defending the Ban on Sheep Live Export

To the Honourable Members of the NSW Parliament,

I write to express my strong support for maintaining the ban on live sheep export from Australia. As a nation committed to animal welfare and ethical standards, it is essential that we uphold this policy for the following reasons:

1- Animals Endure Severe Suffering During Long, Stressful Sea Voyages

Live export subjects animals, particularly sheep, to grueling conditions over extended sea journeys. These animals are confined in overcrowded conditions, where they are exposed to extreme weather, rough seas, and often experience severe stress. This suffering is not a temporary inconvenience; it is a prolonged ordeal that frequently leads to injuries, illness, or death. Banning live export is the only way to guarantee that Australian animals are not forced to endure such hardship.

2- Sheep Suffer from Heat Stress, Leading to Severe Health Issues or Death

The heat and humidity encountered during sea transport are known to cause heat stress in sheep, often with fatal consequences. Sheep, being woolly animals adapted to cooler climates, suffer intensely in these conditions. Many die en route, while others endure prolonged suffering. These deaths are preventable by banning live exports and prioritizing the welfare of our animals.

3- Consumers Increasingly Demand Humane Treatment of Animals

There is a growing global awareness regarding the humane treatment of animals. Australian consumers, as well as international markets, are increasingly demanding that ethical standards be met in all aspects of food production. Continuing live export not only undermines these ethical values but also risks alienating conscientious consumers who seek transparency and high standards in animal welfare.

4- Banning Live Exports Can Improve a Nation's Ethical Reputation

As a global leader in agriculture, Australia has an opportunity to set a high ethical standard by prohibiting live export. This decision would not only be a significant step in protecting animal welfare but would also enhance our international standing as a nation that prioritizes humane treatment of animals. Upholding this ban would be a powerful statement of Australia's commitment to ethical practices, benefiting both our reputation and our export markets.

In conclusion, maintaining the ban on live sheep exports is a necessary step in safeguarding animal welfare, aligning with consumer expectations, and promoting Australia's ethical standing on the global stage. I urge the Parliament to continue supporting this ban in the interest of both our animals and our national values.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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