

**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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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Gaetan Selle, a French citizen residing in Australia on a PR visa. I am writing this letter to express my profound concern regarding the issue of animal welfare, and my commitment to minimise the suffering of sentient beings. This letter is in response to the inquiry established by the NSW Parliament into the phase-out of Australian live sheep exports by sea.

Firstly, I firmly believe that the live sheep export trade is fundamentally at odds with acceptable animal welfare standards. Despite recent regulatory reforms, the inherent animal welfare issues associated with this trade remain unaddressed. In fact, these reforms have merely emphasised the depth of the welfare problems ingrained within the trade.

The live sheep export industry claims that mortality rates have decreased, however, this is not a scientifically robust measure of animal welfare. Mortality is a drastic measure that neglects the myriad of serious animal welfare issues that occur prior to death.

Thank you