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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 re: Live Exports of sheep by sea ban**

I'm writing to confirm my full support of the phase-out of live sheep exports. This cruel trade is completely unacceptable and should never have been allowed to occur.

There is significant evidence spanning decades of the horrifically cruel treatment of these sheep and their suffering throughout the journey to the point of fully conscious slaughter at the countries they arrive at. Australia has deemed it unacceptable to continue to allow this.

Live sheep exports nationally make up less than 0.1% of Australia's agricultural exports and significant assistance is being offered to farmers affected by the phase out. Despite the scare tactics from the industry, the report of the Independent panel clearly indicates the feasibility of the phase-out. The government and industry should embrace the opportunity to create the future Australians are wanting and to promote Australia as a nation that respects and cares for animals and that is driven by a moral compass.

Australian's have backed this change - we wanted this to happen. Nearly 44,000 Australian's signed a Parliamentary petition in 2023 - one of the largest - calling on the government to end this cruel trade as soon as possible.

The Ending Live Sheep Exports by Sea Bill provided the confirmation that industry and community need to know there will be an end to this inhumane trade.

It is essential this ban is not overturned as we lose all of the progress that we have made. We are lagging behind other countries who are banning these cruel trades in support of more ethical alternatives. It is unacceptable for the animals, for a majority of Australian's who care and our national reputation. The decision to ban live exports by sea was made judiciously, hearing the voice of Australian's, considering the horrific treatment of animals and considering viable alternatives for farmers. The decision has been made and energies now need to turn to the phase out.

I strongly support the ban to phase out this cruel trade and moving forward to more ethical practices in Australia.

Kind regards,

Rebecca.