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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 Protect the Ban on Live Sheep Exports & Consider Ban on Live Export of All other Animals from Australia

Live export is classified as cruelty to animals. Amidst the suffering and pain, to name a couple of symptoms of this cruel practice, the live sheep export ban has been a significant step forward for animal rights, their welfare, as well as setting a global example and encouraging other countries to reconsider and phase out similar archaic practices. Animals are often subjected to extreme conditions and cruel practices in foreign countries. Consistent animal welfare standards across borders are hard to maintain.

Ship accidents and rough handling during long, stressful sea voyages, can result in the drowning of animals and loss of human life. Long journeys expose animals to extreme heat, dehydration and illness. Sheep suffer from heat stress, leading to severe health issues or death.

Furthermore, ships are not cleaned during voyages, creating unsanitary and harmful conditions. Live export harms the environment and contributes to carbon emissions. Banning live exports has is a step forward to improve a nation's ethical reputation.

Consumers are increasingly demanding humane treatment of animals, with a consistent increase in looking to healthier alternatives, such as plant based foods and avoiding animal processed produce which is known to cause many illnesses and diseases. The animal agricultural industry will soon be phased out due to reduced demand because people are learning the truth about health and healthier alternatives. Graziers are encouraged to look into organic and biodynamic plant based opportunities to successfully transform their business model, ceasing the need to carry on making a living by contributing and causing cruelty to animals.