INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE PHASE-OUT OF AUSTRALIAN LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS BY SEA ON NEW SOUTH WALES

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Protect the ban of live sheep export.

We have seen many examples of the severe stress and inhumane treatment experienced by animals on long unsanitary sea voyages which have been witnessed and filmed.

Crowding, heat, dehydration, illness and painful death during long journeys are the result and all have been and continue to be a part of this cruel practice.

As a society we are demanding more humane treatment of all animals including farm animals. Humane care is not occurring, as has been shown, during these long sea voyages with animals crammed in on ships without due care to their welfare.

It is not feasibly possible to ensure the ethical welfare of live export animals across borders in foreign countries and cruel treatment is a consistent issue as has been exposed through various news channels over the years.

If this cruel practice alone isn't enough to ban live export it is also harmful to the environment contributing carbon emissions and ethically a sad indictment of our nation.

New Zealand is a positive example with their move to end live sea exports with good outcomes for the welfare of animals and industry, we as a nation should have the courage to use this as a way forward to ensure humane animal treatment whilst also assisting our farmers to develop and change.

Personally, I find the whole issue of live animal export distressing and as a society we need to be working towards in all ways to end this inhumane practice. If the ban of live export is overturned is would certainly not be progress.

Thank you for taking my submission into account.

Sincerely