

**Submission  
No 149**

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

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Submission to help ensure that the ban on Live Animal Transport remains in place.

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From:

Kim Badland

Dear Sir or Madam

As you are aware the transport of live animals during very long sea voyages results in extreme suffering. The practice is cruel: many animals die on route through illness, dehydration and extreme heat. The ships are overcrowded and they are not cleaned – many animals lie in their own excrement. Ships can also sink resulting in the drowning of animals and humans. On top of that I have seen animals being cruelly treated on board ships including being thrown off vessels which results in animals being injured and frightened which only adds to their suffering. If these animals do survive the sea journey they are subjected to an abhorrent death in slaughter houses in the other countries including the middle east that do not meet any standards of ethical animal management. Many animals are bludgeoned to death without stunning and they watch other animals being killed in front of them. This is a heartfelt plea to not reintroduce live animal transport and show compassion when there are many economic and sustainable alternatives.

The UK and New Zealand have banned live animal transport. In particular New Zealand's move to end live exports by sea has been met with positive outcomes for animal welfare and the industry alike. New industries in the meat chilling and frozen export markets have emerged. These new industries help animals and the economy so it's a win win. In addition because of environmental and animal welfare concerns the plant based products market along with lab grown meat is growing. There is no need for live animal transport.

Finally any country that cares about its ethical reputation should ban live animal transport and Australia has shown the way. Animals have no voice but they are sentient beings and they suffer pain like we do so we should treat them with the compassion and respect they deserve.