

**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 Parliamentary Bodies:

I write to lend my further and ongoing support for the emancipation of the rights/treatment of all and any animals who are forced to endure being subjected to the level of suffering that long, stressful sea voyages will indeed do.

I ask you to consider that today, consumers increasingly demand humane treatment of animals. The public are aware that long journeys expose animals to extreme heat, dehydration and illness. Animals are often subjected to extreme conditions and cruel practices in foreign countries where, for example, sheep suffer from heat stress, leading to severe health issues or death. Ships are not cleaned during voyages, creating unsanitary and harmful conditions.

Once at, and certainly past, any border, it becomes almost impossible to maintain any significant animal welfare standards consistently.

I urge you to consider how the banning of live exports from Australia's end can substantially improve a nation's ethical reputation. Why not blaze a trail and lead by considering a ban.

Live export harms the environment and contributes to carbon emissions.

Cruel practices such as rough handling are commonplace.

I must urge you to acknowledge animal welfare concerns by examining proven alternative markets and opportunities for New South Wales sheep producers that can be relevant to the determination to cease live sheep export by sea by the Federal Government. This can include observing practices already in place by graziers in other regions or countries that have successfully transitioned from live exports.

Yours sincerely

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