Submission No 156

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

Name: Ms Selena Withers

Date Received: 5 September 2024

I am very much for keeping and maintaining in place from here on in the Live Animals export ban.

I am a supporter of animal welfare and against animal cruelty, but not a vegan or extremist of any sort.

I am writing this as a descent human being, who has a duty to not let a cruel practice such as live exports continue, and I would put my name to any other cruel policy or procedure too.

feel it should have been ruled out years ago and I'm very disappointed it has not been.

I come from a large Sheep and beef background myself, so yes I do know what I'm talking about. We raised animals for a living. We looked after our stock and had them slaughtered humanely.

We did not adhere to these descent farming principles, to then simply wave goodbye to our animals at the farm gate with no care or consideration to where or what happened to them, or how they were treated, until they actually got to their destination and how they were then slaughtered.

It is a code descent farmers have, to look after their stock and to not let them suffer.

What the excuse is for these farmers, that don't care what happens to their animals once they get on a truck (or maybe before they even leave their farm), well you'd definately have to be a certain sort?

We actually had live sheep exporter farmers, two in our area....they weren't well thought of....known as 'a certain breed'

We/the majority of farmers were not prepared to do that to our animals.

Money has nothing to do with it. It's what a farmer does...care for their stock.

To send off animals to weeks of suffering, disgusting treatment and conditions, to then be inhumanely killed in a way not allowed in our own country, stuffed in boots, tied to roofs, terrified....yes that's def the Australian farming way....NOT.

I believe the live sheep industry has had far more than enough time to up their game...they never have. Only greed, money and a total lack of respect for their animals has consumed them.

If they were that interested in saving their own industry, then they would have demanded far better changes to it long ago...they did not.

Now they stand on their soap boxes crying foul in every way. Too late.

Live exports only amount to bugger all in this country, descent standing far more.

If these countries we ship these animals to, do not want our killed and processed animals humanely from inside this country, then there's two options, use your own animals (that's right they don't have any), or starve. I actually don't consider them in any position to make demands on a powerful country anyway.

We need more surplus meat here to lower our own prices, employ our own people,

like it or not, adhere to our offer of our way of supply, as we call the shots, not then, so to speak.

Stop the live exports well and truly, farmers that are against this need to seriously look at changing their attitudes to their livelihood and farming practices, society does not condone total cruelty, or all dance to your tune.

I eat meat daily, but I won't adhere to the torture of animals daily.