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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE PHASE-OUT OF  
AUSTRALIAN LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS BY SEA ON NEW  
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Reversing the ban on live sheep export is unnecessary. The outcome of this inquiry is expected to have little impact on farmers' livelihoods, contrary to what is being suggested. Many consumers are against live exports, This inquiry threatens to undo years of animal rights progress, not just for sheep but also for other animals like cattle who endure the cruelty of live export. The live sheep export ban is a significant step forward for animal rights and their welfare, setting a global example and encouraging other countries to reconsider and phase out similar practices. which poses a significant threat to the years of progress made in animal welfare. Animal rights is what consumers want, around the world! Why reverse a ban and upset so many people around the world?

Live export subjects sheep to prolonged stress and discomfort, with little to no relief during long sea journeys. The risks of heat stress, overcrowding, and inadequate care are well-documented and remain a significant concern. Even with stringent regulatory measures, the long voyages, particularly through tropical regions, pose significant challenges that cannot be fully mitigated.

Explore alternative markets. There are alternative models, such as the expansion of chilled and frozen export markets. These alternatives can benefit both animal welfare and the economy, supporting a transition for farmers and associated industries.

Support research into, and development of, alternative industries that do not rely on animal exploitation. This could include plant-based agriculture, which could offer new economic opportunities for communities. To address animal welfare concerns while transitioning from live exports, we should consider advancing the production of lab-grown meat and other animal products. This method not only circumvents the ethical issues associated with live animal transport but also offers a way to meet demand sustainably.

Several regions have successfully phased out live exports by investing in local processing and other humane alternatives. For instance, New Zealand's move to end live exports by sea has been met with positive outcomes for animal welfare and the industry alike. We can learn from these examples and develop strategies that both protect animal welfare and support our farmers.

I urge the committee to prioritise the welfare of these animals by considering the severe impact these conditions have on their health and well-being. Please, do not reverse the ban on live exports. Thank you.