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

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Animal Welfare Concerns Related to Live Export

There is a tremendous amount of suffering in the live export industry. Firstly, animals should not be thought of as commodities, stock or inanimate objects. They are living feeling beings. The whole process of live export is stressful. Firstly loaded onto the trucks for a long journey often without adequate food and water. Only to be loaded onto these huge ships to embark on another days/weeks long journey across water. Again, no adequate food or water, living in excrement, filth, sometimes it is so hot they suffer multiple organ failure as their organs literally meltdown. If this journey is survived then they will be brutally sold, tied to trucks, stuffed into car trunks to be slaughtered savagely and hysterically in private residences or backyard slaughter houses. It is barbaric.

Exploring Alternative Markets

Not that I am for chilled meats but at least this would spare these poor animals the horrific journey of the live export trade.

Successful Transitions from Live Export

Animal agriculture is not sustainable or required. We should grow plants instead, for food, clothing. It is healthier, better for the environment, better for the animals and will go a long way to making this planet liveable for our children. Think about it, the amount of land that can be freed up, returned to nature by eliminating animal agriculture is massive. Huge swathes of land covering large percentage of countries can be returned to the wild. Forests can regrow capturing carbon and emitting oxygen. Fresh water no longer syphoned off to fuel these factory farms can be used for humans instead. Rainforests no longer need be destroyed to grow grain for animals instead can be returned to breathing live into the planet once more. It's a no brainer.