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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 Parliamentarians,

I am writing as an average Australian to plead with you not overturn the decision to end live export. You have made this decision for all the right reasons. Please don't undo the good, respectfully work you have done because of a vocal minority.

I work in Agricultural finance. I have good friends who work in shipping who will not transport animals for live export. I know very well what goes on in the live export industry but most Australians don't. When I tell people they are horrified. I am quite sure if more Australian really understood the industry they would not support it. It has been allowed to continue for as long as it has because of the lack of public awareness.

No matter what changes the live export journey will always be grueling and inhumane. We would never let our pets be sent on such a journey, sheep should be treated no differently. Once arriving in their destination we know the treatment of these gentle animals is often barbaric and they suffer terribly. While we can send officials to oversee the treatment of these animals, once out of Australia we can never truly ensure these animals won't suffer as the countries we send them to do not have the same laws and regard for animals that we do.

The suffering Australian sheep endure in the live export industry is completely unnecessary. These animals can be processed here. The market will adjust. The labour government has already committed to financially support the transition of businesses impacted by the end of live export to other industries.

We are Australians. We should stand up for what is right and not support this horrendous industry. If we do this other countries will follow. NZ has already stopped this trade. Please do not over turn it.

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