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Please find the attached video and letter.  
As a submission.

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Dear Committee Members,

**Re: Inquiry into Export Control Amendment (Ending Live Sheep Exports by Sea) Bill 2024**

I am Jack Carmody, a long-standing member of the agricultural community in Western Australia, and I represent not only my family's interests, which span several generations in farming, but also those within our broader community who are deeply impacted by the agricultural policies of this nation. I am also an active member of the Shooters, Fishers, and Farmers Party, advocating for rational and sustainable agricultural practices.

The live sheep export industry is a cornerstone of the agricultural sector in Western Australia, contributing significantly to our economy and the social fabric of our rural communities. The proposed ban on live sheep exports by sea, as outlined in the Export Control Amendment, threatens to disrupt this vital industry, which has long been the livelihood for thousands of Australians.

**Economic Contributions and Impact of the Ban:** The live sheep export industry contributes over \$250 million annually to the Australian economy and directly supports numerous jobs across various sectors, including farming, transportation, and veterinary services. The proposed ban would not only lead to significant job losses but also dismantle a critical supply chain that sustains rural communities.

**Insufficiency of the Proposed Financial Support:** The government has proposed a financial support package of \$107 million to aid the transition for farmers away from live sheep exports. However, expert estimates indicate that the actual cost required to effectively transition the industry could be as high as \$2 billion. The proposed package is grossly inadequate and fails to cover the vast scope of economic disruptions and the necessary development of alternative industries and infrastructures.

**The Reality of Transitioning:** Transitioning from live exports involves not just ceasing current practices but also establishing viable alternative industries. This process includes significant investments in infrastructure, training, and market development, which are not feasible with the proposed funding. The financial, cultural, and logistical implications of this transition have not been adequately addressed in the government's current approach.

As you deliberate on the future of the live sheep export industry, I urge you to consider the broader economic implications and the real-world impacts of a hasty transition. Adequate support and realistic financial planning are imperative to ensure that any transition does not devastate our rural economies.

We must not let short-sighted policy decisions undermine the livelihoods of countless Australian families. I advocate for a re-evaluation of the financial support allocated for this transition, ensuring it truly reflects the needs of the industry and the communities dependent on it.

Thank you for considering this submission. I am committed to engaging in further dialogue and contributing to a policy framework that supports the sustainability of both our agricultural heritage and the economic viability of our rural communities.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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