Inquiry into Export Control Amendment (Ending Live Sheep Exports by Sea) Bill 2024 Submission 7

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It seems an oversight that there is no provision for the Agriculture Minister to have discretion to allow individual shipments or a temporary resumption of export of sheep by sea in "exigent circumstances".

The export of sheep by sea needs little more than a ship and a ramp at the dock. So in times of (say), a war, a drought, trade retaliations or a mass starvation event, you'd hardly want to have to recall Parliament to amend the Act to allow sheep exports, of all things. Chances are they'd be busy dealing with quite a number of other matters.

In addition, as this is primarily a Western Australian matter, any prohibition by the Commonwealth oughtn't impinge on landowners rights to directly export their own sheep by sea themselves, or as a cooperative of similar.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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