

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to you to express my growing concern over Australia's live cattle exports to Indonesia. I come from a farming background and have worked within agriculture for years but was shocked and horrified by recent media reports on the way cattle are treated in Indonesia.

My family runs a successful beef cattle stud in the Adelaide hills and has previously exported bulls to Indonesia to improve their own breeding programs so I am mindful on Australia's stance on this matter and political ramifications but believe animal cruelty in an educated society is simply intolerable.

As a nation with economic and social investments in agriculture I believe our Government and the beef industry needs to think smarter and ensure this industry continues to thrive and be competitive globally via **humane** treatment of these beautiful and intelligent animals.

Please do the right thing by our cattle and make ensure stunning prior to slaughter is guaranteed and enforced and not simply *recommended* before more Australian cattle suffer needlessly. The previous regime of self regulation clearly did not work and in the future will allow such atrocities as aired on the Four Corners program to continue to occur.

Yours truly,

Lisa Ashby