

I **oppose** the following bills:

**Live Animal Export (Slaughter)
Prohibition Bill 2011**

No.1 , 2011

(Mr Bandt)

AND

Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]

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Why:

1. I support the humane treatment of all animals around the world
2. Australia is the only nation that has staff on the ground in countries that receive livestock from us, to encourage humane treatment.
3. Australia's welfare standards are higher than other countries that would fill the gap in the long run if the trade was not continued
4. Perhaps Brazil and other countries would have to fill the export gap. This would cause more greenhouse gas emissions due to economic drivers of rainforest clearing.
5. The live export industry directly and indirectly supports thousands of jobs in Australia
6. This supports rural communities and associated people, not just those directly employed
7. Many other reasons

Solutions

1. Reality TV program, get animal activists to run cattle stations according to their ethical principles and see if they are still farming at the end. If they want graziers to produce something else, show them exactly what and how. Perhaps the Rural Industries and Research Organisation could be advisors to this suggested reality program.
2. Politicians only be allowed to submit parliamentary bills if they have actual personal practical experience in the field that the bill affects; ie: they must have been a livestock exporter if they are going to abolish the livestock exporting industry. In otherwords, politicians should know what they are actually talking about before a law is suggested.
3. Animal Activists to pay for the installation of power generation plants and provide refrigeration for areas of importing countries that require live animals due to the necessity of requiring fresh meat.
4. Training people at the end of the journey in Low Stress Stock Handling techniques, with the emphasis that a more tender and quality meat comes from a less stressed animal
5. Encourage a mindset within society of not to forcing their beliefs on other people.