

I wish to make a submission to your Committee.

In December 2009 I applied for the above newly created position. At this time MLA had not established any office in Indonesia, and this was to be the first step. I applied and had several interviews. In my last interview in February 2010 with MLA Managing Director Cameron Bell I agreed to accept the position on a starting salary of USD\$80,000 to be based in Jakarta. My wife, and I were ready to move and commence work immediately. I was then advised that the position was no longer available. A copy of my Resume is attached. I believe I was not selected because I am a member of the RSPCA in WA.

I am ok with this, however given what has transpired, obviously little was ever done to improve the animal welfare standards in Indonesia, to the serious detriment of the trade, and our beef producers. No reference has been made to the role of this position in improving welfare standards in Indonesia prior to the 4 corners documentary.

My concern is that MLA did not make any appointment of the above position, and they ought to have. If they did make some appointment, then why has this person not addressed these welfare issues, which were well known to MLA, and the consequences of not addressing these issues were well known given the public concerns over exports of livestock from Australia.

I am happy to provide evidence to the Senate Committee if they wish to consider this in their inquiries.

I am in Davao, Philippines until 21 July but will be available after then.

yours faithfully

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