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in Australia's Live Export Markets**

Meat and Livestock Australia and LiveCorp should be held accountable for the horrors of the live animal trade and in particular for the awful situation we all witnessed in Indonesian abattoirs. This has been happening for such a long time and these organisations have done nothing but stand by and let it continue. It is hard to understand how they could turn a blind eye to these awful practises, but unfortunately it appears they have done so due to money. To let money override animal welfare, and to ignore the torture of animals in these places is truly unforgiveable and disgusting. Unfortunately it seems self regulating industries cannot be trusted and the only reasonable thing to do is take that responsibility away and placed back in the hands of the Australian Government.

The footage we saw in Indonesia was truly horrendous and the public will never again excuse those responsible if it were to occur again. These bodies will be highly scrutinised and under the spotlight.

To know that this kind of treatment happens every night makes it difficult for me to sleep, knowing that we as a nation can actually have control over what happens to our animals but yet still send them there, astounds me.

To continue sending our animals to countries in the Middle East and Indonesia sends a confusing message that we condone their practices. To have the likes of MLA and LiveCorp provide assistance, training and facilities only enforces this. Their cultures differ markedly to ours and this means they will never be able to meet our expectations around humane animal husbandry and slaughtering methods. For an animal to be slaughtered whilst still fully conscious is extremely cruel, however, not only do they suffer a slow and painful death, they

are also subjected to torture and rough handling prior to being killed. All of this in the name of religious practices is unforgiveable. Animal welfare should never be compromised under any circumstances.

No animal should ever be treated with such disregard, being viewed as just a commodity rather than a living being who feels pain and fear. Subjecting these animals to this cruel treatment and terrible conditions is unconscionable.

I support the complete ban of live animal exports and hope that one day soon this will happen.

Yours sincerely

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