

I was brought up on a farm. Everyone that I know in the farming community truly love and respect their animals. I note that the 'farmers' who have been sending their livestock to Indonesia have done so for ten years in the knowledge that those animals are submitted to abhorrent cruelty.

How can such people call themselves farmers? They do not care for their animals, only for the money they receive from selling them! They should hang their heads in shame, that they have allowed such a situation to continue for so long.

Our livestock must be slaughtered using the standards that are acceptable to Australians. The only sure way of achieving this is to slaughter the animals in Australia. This will also result in increased employment for Australians.

The export of livestock from Australia is subjecting our animals to unnecessary stress, culminating in torture prior to their death. Please stop the export of livestock from Australia now.