

Submission,

Dear sir/madam,

I find the live export industry to be cruel and immoral. This industry has been responsible for the torture and cruel handling of millions of Australian animals unlucky enough to be sent overseas. To me there is no justification to keep this industry going. I would like the government to ban all live exports from our country immediately.

It is clear to me that there are other options which don't include the torment of our livestock. Such as reopening abattoirs in northern Australia for the animals to be slaughtered as humanely as possible and to Australian standards and then exported. For the argument that most Indonesians don't have electricity – maybe the government could use the money it's been spending to "improve" animal welfare in Indonesia and put it towards helping infrastructure in the country.

I, like most Australians, find the idea of Australia continuing live export of our animals deplorable! The live export industry and the Australian Government have been unable to ensure the wellbeing of our animals for decades. There is no excuse to keep this industry going. Money is simply not a good enough justification, despite what some members of parliament think. There is no price on what is morally right! We cannot depend on the industry to improve the animal welfare standards to an acceptable level as all previous attempts have failed miserably. Australians do not have faith in the industry and should the government continue to support this indefensible trade, there will be faith in the government either.

I hope the government listens to the Australian people and bans the live export industry. It is the only way we can ensure the welfare of our livestock. I implore you to put decency before dollars and end this shameful trade.

Sincerely

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