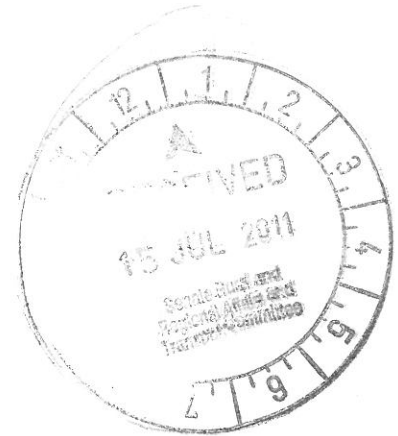


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To Whom It May Concern:



I am writing this letter in concerns to permanently banning live animal exports.

Thousands of Australians have pleaded to ban this inhumane, cruel trade once and for all. The animals suffer immensely on the actual journey to countries such as Indonesia and the Middle East. Then IF they survive such a horrific journey with terrible conditions they are subjected to even more cruelty once in these countries, the evidence collected in both countries is very disturbing.

- Please reinstate the ban of live trade to Indonesia
- Support the passage on the Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 (No. 2) and the Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 (No. 2) which seek an end date for all live animal exports within 3 years
- In the interim years, the Australian Government together with industry implement highest standards of animal welfare, which are confirmed to go beyond those set by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)
- World leading expert in animal behaviour, Professor Temple Grandin, has reported that research agrees that throat-cutting without stunning does not induce instantaneous cruelty and is inhumane. **If the government maintains live cattle export, it must include a guarantee that slaughter without stunning (known in most cases as ritual (halal or kosher slaughter) will NOT occur.**
- The recent concern about live export, which is a federal animal welfare responsibility, highlights the need for a national agency to address animal welfare issues. In light of the recent situation of the treatment of Australian cattle exported to Indonesia, and the recent reporting of the lack of credible research into slaughter of such cattle in Indonesia, it is clear that Australia needs a Non-Departmental Public Body to review and recommend advice on animal welfare issues. **The establishment of an Australian Animal Welfare Council to provide accurate independent advice on animal welfare matters is critical.**

I urge you to please consider the above mentioned points. We cannot turn a blind eye to this matter any longer, it has gone on far too long with many millions of animals suffering.

Yours sincerely

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