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Dear Madam / Sir,

I am writing to you in regards the temporary banning of live cattle exports to Indonesia.

As a shareholder of the Australian Agricultural Company I understand the importance of the live export trade, especially for cattle producers in northern Australia. However, this has always been a controversial industry and it is questionable whether the practice of live export is humane.

Rather than re-establishing the export of live cattle to Indonesia, I believe that it would be in Australia's long-term interest to permanently cease all exports of live livestock. Instead of exporting live livestock, animals should be processed in Australia, including being processed by Halal methods, and then exported. This would greatly benefit Australia, especially by creating more employment opportunities in northern Australia.

Could you please encourage the government to reconsider the export of live livestock.

Kind regards,

Tony Kennedy