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The Committee Secretary  
The Senate Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee  
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Canberra ACT 2600

Inquiry into improvements in animal welfare for Australian Live Exports  
Dear Senators,

Please find this addition to the submission sent to you on the 3rd July 2011, following yesterday's proposed resumption of exports to approved abattoirs.

Please be advised that the poorly designed MLA Ltd and Livecorp Australia's "restraint boxes" **need urgent improvement, particularly as it is reported that any form of animal stunning will NOT be obligatory** in these abattoirs, which will regain approval to slaughter Australian cattle.

Please be advised that animal stun guns, such as JARVIS and CASH brands of non-penetrative percussion stun guns, need to be nearly touching or **actually touching the forehead of cattle, to function correctly, for effective stunning.**

Please note that valued first hand advice has been received to suggest that **percussion stunning of adult cattle requires experienced operators** even when the stun guns are approximated to contact the cranial aim- point, as in the penetrative captive bolts, which are familiar to all.

**It is extremely difficult or even impossible, to place these stunners so close to the heads ( motor cortices) of these semi-wild Australian cattle, when they are terrified and loose, without compressive sided true crushes, when within the MLA boxes(1-1V).**

Please examine if the Government has plans to train Australians workers, who then can train Indonesians, in the use of JARVIS and CASH PERCUSSION STUN GUNS, for the future development of trade with Islamic countries.

*Some Islamic countries, such as Malaysia and Jordon have approved these brands of percussion stun guns.*

**Please examine if the Government will or has plans in place now, to fund fundamental research into stun gun uses, including the use of the human policing TASER stun guns ( range of 15 feet to target, aim- muscle mass NOT HEAD) in domestic animals Future planning for exporting live animals, should begin now, with training schemes in stunning ,starting with Australians, who can then train, say Indonesian workers, in animals' restraint for Halal slaughter in true compressible sided CRUSHES and not MLA's ( 1-1V)BOXES.**

It must be repeated that the poor designs of the MLA boxes contributed, in a major way, to the cruelty seen by the Australian public.

**It must be stressed that compressible sided crushes with hinged windows in the sheet metal sides(for easy access to cervical and or cardiac areas), with capability to turn from vertical to the horizontal, powered either by electricity or levered rachets and wheels, with, at rest, a dorsally sited, slide-down bailing yoke, as described in the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2011 submission, is necessary.**

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