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Dear Sir

Daily I am learning from the internet more about the cruelty inflicted on animals in overseas abattoirs; beatings, eyes gouged out, blunt knives, I won't go on because I'm sure by now you are well aware of what happens. Then there is the transportation which is heartbreaking alone as if you draw a line from Townsville to Perth, there are no abattoirs north of this line. Unbelievable when you think of the amount of cattle stocked above that line that have to travel staggering distances by road, and then those for live export have the voyage on the high seas where thousands of sheep and over a thousand cattle die every year. It's shocking and unacceptable no matter how many millions of dollars it brings in, and we all know deep down that it is wrong, animals don't belong on the high seas for God's sake.

I don't for one minute believe that overseas slaughterers will maintain humane killing methods as most of these importing countries have shocking animal welfare records. It will be business as usual when all the fuss has blown over and I definitely have no confidence in Meat & Livestock Australia and Livecorp, who I believe should be publicly flogged as they let those animals down big time.

Live export is sapping the energy and happiness of many of our best and caring Australians. It is only helping those large companies and shareholders who have one thing on their minds.....money and those who haven't the imagination to find more ethical and sustainable livings.

I am asking, begging even, for you to use your powers to ban this brutal and greedy business now, never to return. I shall be relentless in using my voice, money and vote to get this trade abolished to the dark ages where it belongs. Make our descendants proud, not ashamed.

Yours sincerely

Susan Kulka (Mrs)