

Live exports cause unnecessary suffering and should be stopped altogether. If we continue to export animals to countries with little or no animal welfare protection, these animals will suffer unnecessarily.

If live exports continue, it is inevitable that we will see animals suffer unnecessarily prior to slaughter. Anything short of stunning before slaughter is not acceptable. Please do not allow the animals in Indonesia to continue to suffer such appalling treatment, do something to stop this now.

Welfare standards which are acceptable to the Australian public and farmers cannot be guaranteed in overseas markets.

I plead with the Minister that ultimately this trade must be permanently ended. If it is cruel to export live animals to Indonesia it is cruel to export animals to other countries with the same essential practices.

This abuse is clearly widespread and has been occurring over a long period of time. It needs to end. The Government should support the Australian Greens legislation which bans the export of animals for slaughter.

Regards

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