

July 14, 2011

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Rural Affairs and Transport
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
Australia

Dear Committee Secretary:

I am writing to ask you to support the ban on all live export. This practice is fundamentally cruel and has no place in the future of Australia. Animals are subjected to poor conditions with little food or water on their journey to countries where animal welfare has little or no importance. These animals deserve more respect and consideration. The Australian people can have no confidence in the meat industry while live export continues.

I, as an Australian, am embarrassed to be living in a country that is still engaging in such barbaric practices. Presently Australia is viewed by many nations as a country stagnating and without a desire to progress and evolve. I urge you to push for a kinder and more compassionate Australia that we can all be proud of.

The great Mahatma Gandhi once said “The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated”.

Please take heed of these wise words.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Hayley Andersen-Higginson