

Good morning. I am writing in regards to the resumption of the live animal export trade. I wish to stress that I like many other Australians, want the trade completely banned. To have heard last week that the trade will resume honestly made me feel physically sick as I imagined the fate of our Australian livestock.

For others, and myself to actually be writing these letters of submission simply means that the Australian government have not successfully convinced the Australian people when it comes to the animal welfare standard problems, which have allegedly been "fixed" in Indonesia. How dare a market do so well from the cruelty of these animals and how dare the government resume the trade when the evidence is overwhelming that these problems as seen on 4 Corners will still occur and currently still are occurring in the Indonesian abattoirs.

I will not get into the fact that the OIE guidelines do not involve stunning before slaughter. This is simply absurd and such a primitive method. How is what is going to occur in these abattoirs any different to the footage we have recently seen?

I have no sympathy what so ever for the farmers involved in this issue because if they were happy to make copious amounts of money off the export of these animals then it is their responsibility to ensure the safety of their livestock and to research exactly what sorts of conditions they were sending their cattle into. The evidence was there, they chose to turn a blind eye to it in order to obtain their selfish profits.

This issue will not blow over as people are more outraged than ever. The footage will continue to play on the Televisions of the Australian people so that they forever remember what our government has allowed to happen for over 18 years.

The next election will perhaps be a nervous one for your party.

Kind Regards,
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