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I offer my submission on the issue of the Live Export Trade.

I strongly support the permanent abolition of exporting live animals, and urge you to please consider the following:

Somehow the current argument, following the sickening footage of cruelty to cattle in Indonesia, now appears to be watered down to whether to stun the animals or not prior to slaughter. However as horrifically demonstrated, most horrendous cruelty starts well before then - seen are beasts forced off trucks, falling off backwards or impossible jumps or falls so they break legs, hips and other injuries. Then in that state, sadistic taunting to attempt to get maimed beasts in agony, even to the place of slaughter.

There is no possible excuse for Australia to resume this barbaric trade in gross inhumanity. As a progressive and ethical society we are no longer in the realm of chasing down woolly mammoths, the Australian public knows this (along with other modern countries who have banned live shipment), we just need to remind the Australian government.

Those motivated by profit making from live shipment are constantly advising against bringing an emotive element into the issue. People smuggling, genuine refugees, sex slavery, child exploitation/abuse are all current highly emotive issues, should we turn a blind eye because large profits are involved?

For the continuing advancement of humanity, please abolish shipment of live animals.

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