

# **IMPROVEMENTS IN ANIMAL WELFARE FOR AUSTRALIAN LIVE EXPORTS**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our comments to the 2011 Enquiry into Live Exports

2. Investigate and report on the domestic economic impact of the live export trade within Australia including:

- a) Impact on regional and remote employment especially in northern Australia;
- b) Impact and role of the industry on local livestock production and prices;
- c) Impact on the processing of live stock within Australia.

## **3. Other related matters.**

The MLA in our opinion failed in their duty to seek HKM Halal Kind Meats consent regarding the MLA Halal brand for meat export which requested ritual slaughter. It would have been clear to MLA – or *“should have”* that our organisation Halal Kind Meats was in a partnership programme with AFIC Australian Federation Of Islamic Council.

We feel MLA did in our opinion misrepresent our Halal Kind Meats programme– which is to phase out live exports by using our unique contacts with Muslim countries & others worldwide &– instead export pre stunned meat from new abattoirs which will be owned by the Australian public.

MLA by approving meat for export using ritual slaughter *without full approval of all stake holders/ partners* did we fear harm our image. It would be clear in our opinion that MLA ignored public information on the AFIC web site & other web sites clearly showing HKM Halal Kind Meats as partners with AFIC.

At no time did MLA contact these partners to seek our approval for MLA Halal meat export Ritual Slaughter brand. We are calling upon

authorities to cease the practise of ritual slaughter & for the halal MLA brand. We call upon RSPCA to review these practises in regards to the export of this meat & pre stun animals used in producing this meat for export. We call upon the MLA Government & other authorities to broaden their marketing in regards to meat to include promoting overseas opportunities to – re open or open new abattoirs in Australia & work also with our programme in marketing..

*See Here- proof that was clearly & readily available to MLA in public web sites and other means which they ignored, didn't see, or didn't care ..*

*AFIC web site- We include here a copy of the letter head on the web site-*

*As further evidence to this inquiry I would like to request you view this link*<http://www.halalkindmeats.com/About.htm> and pls note AFIC HKM share a letter head that MLA ignored.



**MUSLIMS AUSTRALIA (AFIC) PRESS RELEASE [SEE ATTACHMENT]**

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It goes without saying AFICs part in this is questionable but this inquiry does not provide the opportunity to address their role.

We do strongly recommend however to this inquiry that in future these bodies dealing with Halal Meat certifications working with MLA AQIS Governments & other bodies in regards to meat exports are included in some scrutiny in future.

The Halal Meat export market is a multi trillion dollar market and growing

so HKM feels all organisations involved in meat exports or playing a role whether Halal or not should be investigated not just MLA NFF & Government.

It may very well be that MLA are simply victims of AFIC possibly but none the less the results are the same.