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Submission to the Animal Welfare Standards in Australia's Live Export Markets

It is deplorable that the Australian Government has lifted the ban on live animal export to Indonesia after it was made public the appalling treatment of animals in the abattoirs.

I felt there was enough evidence given to shut the whole trade down once and for all and was shocked by the seemingly ill thought out resumption of trade. We have been provided with substantial evidence over a number of years of the awful conditions these animals on ships have to suffer on their way to these countries, only then to face shocking animal welfare conditions that would never be allowed to occur here in Australia.

We were all shocked and sickened by the footage we saw recently, to think that this is happening night after night is unforgiveable. To know that the industry and governments have been aware of this for a long time is also unforgiveable and unconscionable.

It has been clearly demonstrated that live animal export does not work, the welfare of the animals is at risk and it should not be allowed to continue. MLA have shown that they have failed in managing this sorry affair, an investigation should be made into their dealings as they appear to be a most untrustworthy organisation, putting money before animals.

It would be appreciated that this inquiry be utilised to show the government that this practise is not supported by the public at all and that the public will continue to stand up for those unfortunate animals who cannot speak for themselves.

Yours sincerely

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