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Second Submission

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Rural Affairs and Transport
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Dear Committee members,

Re: Exports of live animals for slaughter

All live exports ought to be ended permanently to all countries as soon as possible, regardless of whether stunning equipment is to be used overseas or not. An average of 40,000 animals die in transport. This is unacceptable animal cruelty. Compromises will no longer be tolerated by most Australians.

New Zealand did the only right thing possible in this situation by stopping live exports in 2003. Let us learn something from the New Zealanders and finally do the right thing, so as <u>not to be complicit in any more cruelty</u>.

We are guilty, and our guilt is growing with every day that the appropriate decision to stop live exports is delayed! Please, I beg you ... do the right thing! If the farmers have to be compensated in some way, so be it. Australia must absolutely accept full responsibility as a nation, for the lack of action that has gone on for so many years.

Yours sincerely,