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The Senate Inquiry

Animal Welfare Standards

Parliament House

Canberra

Dear Senator

Live Exports

I express my opposition to Australia's live export trade. The only appropriate course of action now is to ban this trade and prevent any more animals suffering such a needlessly cruel fate. Australians do not need to see any more gruesome footage of this trade on TV; we simply need to see this trade stopped.

Numerous investigations have exposed the brutal treatment of Australian animals in countries in Asia and the Middle East. The recent uncovering of barbarous cruelty on Australian cattle in Indonesia exemplifies the failure of the live export industry to improve the treatment of our animals overseas. The damning evidence clearly demonstrates the industry cannot be trusted to uphold animal welfare, or be honest with the Australian people.

It is worth noting that independent economic reports by ACIL Tasman also predict positive benefits to our economy from an end to the live trade. Once this heinous trade is stopped, only then can we see chilled meat exports flourish, providing rightful jobs to Australians instead of exporting their jobs. And above all, huge benefits to the Australian economy by value adding.

I implore you to support the Bills to do everything you can to stop the suffering of animals in the live export industry as soon as possible. You have the support of the Australian public behind you; please make the right decision.