

Also in support of All Bills To Ban Live Exports

SENATE ENQUIRY SUBMISSION

QUEENSLAND NORTHERN TERRITORY HALAL CERTIFICATION SERVICE working with
(AFIS) Australian Federation Islamic Societies & Australian Muslim Animal Welfare

IMPROVEMENTS IN ANIMAL WELFARE FOR AUSTRALIAN LIVE EXPORTS

The Prophet (p) said, "If any Muslim plants any plant and a human being or an animal eats of it, he will be rewarded as if he had given that much in charity."

We welcome the opportunity to submit our comments to the 2011 Inquiry into Live Exports

Animal welfare standards in Australia's live export markets:

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QUEENSLAND HALAL CERTIFICATION SERVICE is responsible for the accreditation of Halal meat & products in NORTHERN TERRITORY & QUEENSLAND Australia but for the export market worldwide. We do not support the marketing of live animals. Our objections to marketing live animals we would like to express in the strongest possible terms. HCS believes there is a much kinder and humane manner in which to market Halal products.

. Australia's reputation once again has been greatly damaged and needless suffering of animals – as here we are yet again, with ‘another inquiry into the live export trade. Any and all funding spent on marketing in this area is deeply offensive and haram.(forbidden) because the Koran states we should be kind to Animals. Surely in 2011 in a modern country such as Australia we should not be spending the tax payers funds on promoting the shipment of any ‘live animals.

We recommend funding by used for the purpose of increasing both Halal meat & all meat by opening abattoirs throughout Australia.

QUEENSLAND& NORTHERN TERRITORY HALAL CERTIFICATION SERVICE provides services to the Muslim community in a manner that is in accordance with the teachings of Islam. Our pledge is provide support and to advocate on behalf of the Muslim community.

MOTION PASSED FROM AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION ISLAMIC SOCIETIES (AFIS)

“ That that AFIS declares that the practise of live animal exports from Australia is inherently cruel and is contrary to Islamic teaching on Animal Welfare and the treatment of Animals. AFIS Congress calls upon the federal government to immediately cease the issuing of export permits for this trade and pass the legislation required and the bills before this parliament to permanently ban live animal exports:

We “support the RSPCA in process of stunning the cattle and all Animals before halal or non-halal slaughtering. We would like to acknowledge the support in particular from Mr Mark Townend RSPCA QLD.

Lost Jobs in Australia

The majority of live animals exported for the Saudi religious festivals are slaughtered in Saudi abattoirs, frozen and shipped to poor Muslims – putting paid to the lack of refrigeration claim.

Australia should be leading the way.

Australia prides itself in being an enlightened nation. In this country we have the opportunity to set standards in animal care and protection for the world to follow. Instead, we are currently world leaders in an industry that is condemned as cruel and unacceptable by every major international animal welfare organisation. If Australia takes a stand saying live export is unacceptable, it will support other citizens in other countries who want their nation to make a similar ethical decision.

Why the live animal export industry will end

The live animal export trade has been compared by many to the barbaric slave trade of the 1800's. It is not hard to see why. One day, these two industries will sit side by side on the most shameful pages of human history. Live exports hurt the economy and jobs in rural and regional areas..

Northern Territory and northern Western Australia, have deliberately geared themselves to produce animals specifically for the live export market. By restructuring to cater for the live export market, they have STOPPED supplying animals to local abattoirs and caused the abattoirs to shut down. Senators We have Muslim children and community unable to sleep and crying over the cruelty.

Under current circumstances it's probably somewhat indelicate to say we are potentially in the 'box seat'. But we are. We live in the right place in the world and this will be increasingly apparent as our region becomes wealthier.

We have the knowledge, capacity and the resources of land and water, if we use them sensibly, to be a major meat producer. The major region in Australia for cattle will be the north. The reason I say that is because I am working on a paper at present, which shows, from the best hydrological studies available, southern Australia and Queensland will lose 17 million hectares of land to salt by 2050. Eight million hectares of that area will be in WA.

We ask this Government to Ban Live Exports

We thank the Senate for their time –

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