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Submission

I am writing to support a ban on live animal trade, which is a cruel industry with total disregard to animal welfare. The treatment of livestock is beyond Australia's control and they are at the mercy of inexperienced, incompetent and inadequate handlers and slaughterers. Other countries regard for animal welfare is substandard and if such practises were to occur in Australia then serious penalties would apply.

We have a responsibility to extend our concern for animal welfare beyond our shores and right up to the point of slaughter in other countries. If those methods do not meet our standards, then we should not be supplying our animals to these places.

The industry bodies such as MLA and Livecorp have shown that they have very little influence as to the treatment of our animals. It can all look great on paper but the stark reality is that these procedures do not occur. The Australian Government and industry organisations condone cruelty by turning a blind eye. Many of these countries are slaughtering animals according to religious codes and so without stunning. There are many reported cases of animals not being killed swiftly and still able to move about. They are treated just as a piece of meat, not a living, breathing, thinking and feeling animal who deserves so much more than to be treated with such disgusting lack of respect. We have seen their intelligence, and they know what fate awaits them whilst waiting for their turn.

It would be much more viable for Australia to put an end to the live export trade and support the industry here. At least that way we know our animals are being slaughtered humanely and not tortured. It is sickening that we allow this to happen.

Please take into consideration the animal's welfare, there should never be a compromise.

Yours sincerely

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