

Dear Sir/Madam

In light of recently cruelty to cattle in Indonesia and all the other cruelty cases I've seen over the years with this trade I call for an immediate ban on all live animals exports.

The ban of live trade to Indonesia should be reinstated immediately as there is no guarantees that anything has changed with regard to animal welfare in this country. I strongly suggest that you support the passage of the Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No.2] and the Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] which seek an end date for all live animal exports within 3 years.

In the interim years, I recommend that the Australian Government together with industry implement the highest standards of animal welfare, which are confirmed to go beyond those set by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

World leading expert in animal behavior, Professor Temple Grandin, has reported that research agrees that throat-cutting without stunning does not induce instantaneous unconsciousness **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** Ritual slaughter remains to submit animals to some level of cruelty and is inhumane.

The recent concern about live export highlights the need for a national agency to address animal welfare issues. In light of the recent situation of the treatment of Australian cattle exported to Indonesia, and the recent reporting of the lack of credible research into slaughter of such cattle in Indonesia, it is clear that Australia needs a Non-Departmental Public Body to review and recommend advice on animal welfare matters. Establishment of an *Australian Animal Welfare Council* to provide accurate independent advice on animal welfare matters needs to be put in place.

Regards  
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