

To Whom It May Concern:

After witnessing the horrendous footage of the mistreatment and torture of Australian cattle, sent to Indonesia for slaughter on national television, I was outraged. Therefore, after much research and liaising with the appropriate animal welfare organizations, I have been prompted to compose this email to encourage the Government reinstate a total ban of live trade to Indonesia to prevent any further mistreatment of Australian cattle in Indonesia.

Live export should also be banned from other countries whose practices do not include stunning the animal before cutting its throat. Many animal experts/behaviourists have reported that cutting the throat of an animal without stunning it first, does not necessarily mean that the animal dies straight away. Once again leading to inhumane treatment and unnecessary cruelty.

This issue has brought to light the necessity for an independent body that oversees and addresses animal welfare issues. And so I recommend the establishment of an 'Australian Animal Welfare Council' as soon as possible to review and recommend advice to Government on all animal welfare matters.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to seeing some positive outcomes on live export and the welfare of Australian animals.

Yours sincerely,

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