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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to you to express the necessity for a complete ban of the Live Animal Export Trade.

Any continuation of the trade under the guise of animal welfare is just a ploy motivated by profit and international diplomatic relationships, not a decision based even remotely on ethics. To pretend otherwise further darkens the already tainted reputation of the government, the MLA, and Livecorp on this matter.

To be patently clear, monitoring the animals once they leave Australia complicates the situation to the point of futility. This is not a solution and cannot be viewed as a solution. There are countless variables and loopholes to be exploited (as there has been in the past and as there will unequivocally be in the present/future).

It is sad for the public to recognise that the government and large corporations continually undermine us with expensive manipulation tactics through elaborate yet transparent PR campaigns. However, the real tragedy is, that whilst money, time and energy is spent to perpetuate a trade that is globally

recognised as barbaric, not only do animals continue being subjected to this inexcusable treatment, but there is a mighty force of power and wealth providing the ammunition to do so.

The only ethical decision that can be made is a complete ban on the export of live animals. There is a murky grey area full of greed and blood and passiveness that the government wishes to stagnate in, but this is a black and white situation. To opt out and choose the grey is to make an ethically corrupt choice. This is a decision to be based on ethics; to endeavour to use monitoring systems that are weak compromises which pretend to be ethical solutions are just evasions used to placate without sacrificing profit. There is no compromise here, we all know that it is the animals making the ultimate sacrifice - by no choice of their own - surely there is no compromise when it is their dignity and basic rights at stake. This is not a decision to be based on profit; to attempt to use money as a reasonable motive to endorse live trade is reprehensible. I see it and so do thousands of others.

Yours Sincerely,

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