

**Submission to Senate Standing Committees on Rural Affairs and Transport**  
**Senate Inquiry: Improvements in animal welfare for Australian live exports**

I wish to make a submission to the above inquiry. I have never made a submission before so I am not sure about how I should go about this.

The reason I am making this submission is because I feel so strongly that the live export trade should be stopped.

Animal cruelty in any form is not acceptable. If live animals are not exported to other countries then Australia has control over how they are slaughtered. We have no control over how animals are killed outside Australia.

I have contacted many people, politicians, farmers and some in the meat industry and of those that have answered me no one has been able to give me a valid reason for the live export trade. Lack of refrigeration is no reason. Frozen meat would be just as edible as meat killed hours ago and sent raw to a market. The lack of abattoirs in northern Australia is no reason. They could be built providing jobs for Australians.

My objection to the trade is not based on religious or cultural reasons but purely for animal welfare reasons. Animal welfare needs to be put first.

The MLA has been monitoring the live export trade for over 10 years now and the footage on Four Corners showed how badly this monitoring has been carried out. Many mistakes have been made and cruelty accepted and hidden.

The main reason that I believe so strongly that live export trade should be stopped is that Australia can have no control over how animals are slaughtered outside our borders. The animals must be killed in Australia if we want to stop animal cruelty.

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