Senate Standing Committee

Re Live Animal Trade

I strongly object to the resumption of the live animal trade. Nothing has been resolved and the situation is still the same. How can we allow these animals to be subjected to this cruelty and torture because the Mla and Livecorp are grossly incompetent. They knew about the cruelty and torture for many years and did nothing. They had a long time to rectify the problem but were unwilling to stop the torture. Successive government and opposition people also knew about the situation and did nothing. The live animal trade should be phased out.

There is a bill before parliament to phase out the live animal trade, this should be a conscience vote for all parliamentarians.

It is to our shame that we do not have the integrity of the New Zealand politicians who have banned the export of live animals.

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