This bill is ridiculous.

I seriously doubt the senator proposing this has ever mustered or slaughtered animals.

I thousands of properties around Australia sheep are killed the following way

Held down, a sharp knife behind the windpipe cutting forwards, then a cut back to the spinal column and the neck broken by hand. Whole process takes about 5 seconds or less. The sheep bleeds out over the next couple of minutes, the eyes glaze over in about 30 seconds to a minute.

Looks cruel?

Only if you've never done it.

As for moving stock. The reality is stock has to be scared or forced to move where you want it to go. You cant ask nicely. We use dogs to scare the animals, we use bags/polly pipe and shout. All to scare the animals where we want them to go.

Mr Brant needs to be left in a sheepyard and told to bring a mob of 1000 In while shearing is going on. Hell soon quickly find out how ineffectual a mob of sheep find his reasoning in persuading them to move.

In short once the livestock leave Australia and are sold they become the property of the buyer.

This bill is a Pollyanna fantasy. Life in Indonesia is hard, only by raising living standards and education can the Indonesian people develop the same refined sensibilities we to have towards our food.

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