

Good Evening

I would like to submit my objection to the continuation of Australia's Live animal trade.

I am still suffering trauma from what I viewed on Four Corners that infamous Monday night and I am so enraged and saddened that this treatment was known and never dealt with.

There is evidence of a senate inquiry nearly 30 years ago that the live animal trade could never bring "humane" animal outcomes.

Indeed, there has been much evidence brought forward in the last few years..video footage in the Middle East and this year, Indonesia

I have read that eight months ago the agricultural minister Senator Ludwig was warned that this trade was cruel and that animal welfare was non existence

This trade cannot continue for two major reasons

1. The travel there is cruel. Animals die at sea and many arrive near deaths door, suffering horrific injuries, dehydration, terror and fear. Why send an innocent trusting animal through this on a ship?

2. The end slaughter is cruel beyond description. No stunning, slashing and dicing, torture, dismemberment alive, killing animals in front of each other, no animal rights, dignity or protection. Do you not remember the footage..the cow smashing it's head on the concrete to kill itself because of the pain? This happens very often as I have read the description on a Government report-the cows smash their heads an average of 3 to 4 times to put themselves out of their misery.Is this what our country is about? Is this our moral and ethical standard?

The footage showed a cow getting kicked, eyes gouged, his tail broken. This is all filmed in a "normal" environment..Indeed, this is how Indonesian slaughterhouses kill their animals

I object to this continuing any further-at all overseas abattoirs. None of them have showed they can be trusted. Enough is Enough

I also want to add..how is this sustainable and good for the environment?The Government wants to introduce a carbon tax to save the environment and we are sending animals on big ships around the world!

I am ashamed to be Australian whilst this trade continues and hang my head in shame.

I will forever be damned in the knowledge these unspeakable evils are happening everyday to docile, trusting animals sent on ships from Australia

This is 2011..it is not the dark ages

Please end the Live Animal Trade NOW. No animal bred can be led to,and through,hell.

Thank you,

Francesca Reid.