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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re. Live Export**

I am writing to submit my concerns regarding **live export** of animals for slaughter and I ask that you consider my comments as a very concerned citizen in your deliberations even though my submission is outside the Terms of Reference for the Inquiry.

- The Australian Government (both Liberal and Labor) knew of the cruelty towards animals for slaughter in Indonesia for a number of years and only acted after the outrage of the country. Australians expected that the Government would have taken a leadership role when this industry first began. This was a major betrayal.
- The Livestock industry has completely lost all credibility with the Australian people for their lobbying of the previous government not to have tracking of all animals. They deliberately placed these animals on a fast tracked cost saving trip to an unspeakable end.
- Apart from the cattle, thousands of sheep have died in great numbers on their way to the Middle East and they also are also cruelly dealt with before slaughter. Again, the Governments have known, failed to act and continue to fail to act.
- The points in the Terms of Reference relating to transport, animal age/weight or identification is almost academic now, from my point of view, because these measures should have been introduced when live exports began many years ago. The fact that these methods are not already in place cements the lack of trust we have in the government and/or industry to implement or manage this now.
- Even if all measures were taken to meet international standards they mean nothing if the animals continue to die on these transports and those that arrive are **not stunned** before slaughter.

It is because of points I have listed above that I can only hope that the Inquiry will result in a call for the full **ban of all live trade**.

Yours faithfully,

Diane Mangan