

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Rural Affairs and Transport
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my views regarding the Australian Live Animal Export Trade, as a concerned citizen of Australia.

I have been absolutely shocked, traumatised and outraged by the sickening footage of obscene and blatant animal torture that was exposed by the ABC Four Corners program, aired 30/05/2011 on Australian TV. Even more disturbing is the reality that systemic and repeated abuse of Australian livestock had been reported in Indonesia as well as the Middle East long before this exposé – and all the while, no action was taken by the Australian government.

Resuming live export to Indonesia will only reconstruct the opportunity for this situation to be repeated. I believe that the only way for this country to ensure the humane and duty-bound protection of its livestock is to prevent their departure from our shores and immediately dissolve what has been described by RSPCA Australia CEO Heather Neil as “the cruellest trade in Australia’s history”.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Tiffany Jane Keele.