

When I first heard the Govt had put in a six month ban for live export I thought the Govt has finally done a good thing, they will make sure steps are undertaken to ban live export forever or at least make sure our animals are not subjected to extreme cruelty and stunned before slaughter. Then after only three weeks the Govt has resumed live export to which I am extremely disappointed.

What happened to the six month ban? To resume after only three weeks means that a proper investigation into the extreme cruelty was not undertaken.

Why has the Govt not insisted on our animals being slaughtered by our standards? Why do we have animal cruelty laws in this country but we send our animals to countries whose standards are well below ours. I do not believe the individual exporters will ensure our animals are not subjected to cruelty, they only care about the money. How will they make sure they are not suffering? Will they permanently have an employee there overseeing everything? If the Govt insists on continuing with this cruel practice of live export they must make it compulsory for ALL animals to be stunned prior to slaughter and not subjected to cruelty before the slaughter. If live trade is to continue stunning must be a non-negotiable aspect of live trade. Anything short of stunning before slaughter is not acceptable. Regular checks on these slaughterhouses must be undertaken by animal welfare groups and no warning should be given before they do the checks.

The only way to make sure our animals are not suffering is a total ban on live export and for all meat to be processed in Australia and then exported.

WE MUST BAN LIVE EXPORT.

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