

## **Ban Live Animal Exports – SUBMISSIONS**

**[Cattle slaughtered unmercifully at the hands of brutal slaughtermen in Overseas Abattoirs]**

### **Supporting the Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011**

TO: The Australian Parliamentary Officials,

My Submissions towards the Prohibition of Live Animals Exports forever, are as follows:

1. - Imagine the **abject terror** and **excruciating pain** you would feel if the tendons in your legs were cut, your limbs were broken, you were whipped in your face, your eyes were gorged and/or gorged out, you were brutally restrained and tied down to the ground on your back, your mouth was tied up, you were dragged by your neck, your neck was twisted around and then having your throat slit open by someone with a knife whilst you are **still fully conscious**.
  - Slaughtering animals (or any living thing for that matter) whilst they are still fully conscious is cruel and **violent**.
2. - Now, put yourselves in these animals' shoes (figuratively speaking, that is).
  - **This unspeakable cruelty and torture towards ALL live exported animals MUST STOP NOW.**
  - **These animals have NO VOICE to tell us that they feel excruciating pain, stress and fear.**
  - Processing animals in Australia protects them from painful and inhumane treatment, and ensures our laws and standards regarding Animal Welfare are upheld.
  - As live animal exports continue, it is inevitable that we will see animals suffer unnecessarily prior to slaughter.
3. - The Indonesian slaughtermen in these Indonesian Abattoirs (including the other slaughtermen in Egyptian, Kuwaiti, Argentinian, Middle Eastern, Malaysian, Bornean, Libya, Asian and African, etc Abattoirs) know and are fully aware that all these animals are terrified and traumatized out of their wits. Yet these slaughtermen do absolutely nothing to alleviate and reduce all these poor animals' terror, fear and trauma.
  - Some of these slaughtermen even stand there laughing at the animals as these animals helplessly lie there crying out in excruciating pain and dying in a pool of blood. Yes, this horribleness is shown in the video footage of these investigations, e.g. the Bassateen Abattoir in Egypt 2006.
  - In the video footage of Live Export Investigations in Kuwait in November 2010, a Kuwaiti slaughterman makes the derogatory comment "the Australian ones (i.e. the sheep) are crazy!" So why is the Australian government sending its live animals to these countries who ridicule Australian exports (i.e. Australia's sheep and cattle, etc)?? This is absolutely insane.
4. - **Animals feel and suffer pain as much as we do!** Countries like Indonesia, Egypt, Kuwait, Argentina, the Middle East, Malaysia, Borneo, Libya, Asia and Africa, etc have absolutely no Animal Welfare values or laws to protect animals.
  - Without being racist, we have all seen how violent some of these above Countries' cultures are towards their own peoples – this is a fact! They would be no better towards animals!

5. - Statistics show that a large number of cattle and sheep end up dying during the destination to the Country of export.  
- What is the point in exporting these animals if half of them end up dying during the journey overseas! This only ends up in losing even more money.
6. - The Australian economy will be not be disadvantaged by the ban or prohibition. Further, the ban/prohibition would make no significant difference to Indonesia or to the Indonesian people, either.  
- Keep the Meat Industry within Australia. The animals can be processed within Australia, where they can be slaughtered painlessly and humanely.  
- In fact, this would enhance the Australian economy even more by providing more jobs and income for Australia.  
- Export packaged, chilled and frozen meats instead, as opposed to exporting live animals. There are other alternatives and options available.  
- **Please turn to the boxed meat trade within Australia instead – its more convenient.**  
- By growing our meat trade within Australia we can create more local jobs in meat processing, support local communities and maintain economic viability for producers.  
- We should be investing in these economic opportunities rather than maintaining the live export trade which sees animals being treated so cruelly and abusively once they leave our shores.
7. - The Australian community strongly upholds Animal Welfare and DOES NOT tolerate cruelty and painful suffering towards animals.  
- Therefore Australia is **comprising** its own values and principles towards Animal Welfare by exporting to Countries whose cultures do not share the same values and principles in Animal Welfare.  
- These other Countries' cultures are so very different and diverse to ours that they do not view Animal Welfare the same way that we do.  
- It is naïve to think that by putting methods in place in Overseas Abattoirs that it will end the cruel and violent treatment towards live animals. The overseas Countries where the live animals are exported to are not likely to comply. **There is no guarantee** that once all the live exported animals have left Australia that they will be treated humanely after they have been handed over to the other Countries.
8. - Our culture does not accept violence whatsoever. In Australia and other Western countries, violent acts are illegal.  
- Why then, are we being hypocrites by sending our live animals to other countries where they are slaughtered still fully conscious in such a cruel and very **violent** manner?? This does not make sense!  
- The Mark 1 Restraint Boxes used in Indonesian abattoirs and in other overseas abattoirs are the most violent practices that I have ever seen. **In fact, the Mark 1 Restraint Boxes and other Restraint Boxes are no better than Torture Chambers.**  
  
- The Government must move urgently to put in place the safeguards needed to protect the tens of thousands of beasts already in feedlots in Indonesia and in other Countries, and those which would follow them once the trade is allowed to resume.  
- Fast-tracking safeguards in Indonesia and in other Countries is also the only way to help the tens of thousands of animals currently in Indonesian feedlots and in other Countries who are being, and will continue to be, treated in exactly the same way as the poor animals we saw on 'Four Corners' on the 30 May 2011.  
- The Government must quickly put in place effective animal welfare safeguards before the resumption of trade, **pending the wind up of the industry within three years.**

- There needs to be the immediate implementation of safeguards in Indonesia and in other Countries including the deployment of Australian Government officials as well as **the provision of stun guns and other equipment before a speedy resumption of exports.**

9. I beg and plead with all you Officials to please view the following websites below, which show extremely disturbing and distressing footage regarding cruelty and violence towards live cattle in overseas abattoirs.

a) [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kR3c8X\\_4iU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kR3c8X_4iU)

Bassateen Abattoir, Egypt 2006. This shows shockingly horrid and unmerciful brutal abuse towards cattle at Bassateen. One beast is pushed backwards out of a high truck by an Egyptian slaughterman where it lands on its back. It is then brutally kicked by a slaughterman who slashes its leg tendons and the poor beast cannot even walk properly. It also shows another beast which is blindfolded and has had its leg tendons slashed and cannot even walk properly, and being beaten by large iron and metal rods by vicious slaughtermen. So cruel and unnecessary!!!! The Egyptian slaughtermen stand there laughing at the cattle as the cattle helplessly lie there crying out in excruciating pain and terror, and dying in a pool of blood. **How could we let this happen to our own animals??**

b) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzoaleYMwhU>

Live Export Investigation in Kuwait, November 2010. This also shows brutal and shockingly cruel treatment towards exported sheep. This also shows a sheep with a wire wrench around its neck and it is cruelly tied down by its neck to a flat-deck ute by this wire wrench! At the end of this video shows an unmerciful slaughtering of a petrified beast.

c) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SqEqnwlfFt0>

Cruelty performed on Live Cattle in Egyptian and Middle Eastern Abattoirs. More distressing footage showing cattle and sheep being slaughtered in a cruel and frightening manner. It also shows an absolutely petrified beast being pushed off a high truck and having his leg tendons slashed and being dragged by the slaughtermen because he cannot walk, and then it is slaughtered in an unmerciful manner.

d) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2-t7bMUMXY>

and: [www.vimeo.com/25066825](http://www.vimeo.com/25066825)

and: [www.BanLiveExport.com/judgement](http://www.BanLiveExport.com/judgement)

Mark 1 Restraint Boxes being used in Indonesia. This shows shocking footage of a beast being cruelly and unmercifully slaughtered in a Mark 1 Restraint Box in an Indonesian Abattoir. The footage of this absolutely terrified beast being cruelly and violently slaughtered in this Restraint Box is very distressing and disturbing. So cruel and horrid!

10. - It must be mandatory that **all animals must be slaughtered painlessly and humanely.**

**These animals have NO VOICE to tell us that they feel excruciating pain and terror. Please show COMPASSION and keep them in Australia where they can be processed painlessly and humanely. I urge you all - imagine how you would feel if this ordeal was being done to you or your loved ones. **Animals feel and suffer pain, stress and fear as much as we do.****

- The live animal export trade is deeply flawed and no amount of remedial action can be guaranteed to safeguard live exported animals in overseas abattoirs, and there is no chance whatsoever of it being achieved. Good public policy demands a balance between rhetoric and reality.

**Therefore, I plead with you to please BAN this cruel and violent trade of ALL live animal exports (cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, hens, camels, and kangaroos, etc) as soon as possible.**

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