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Submission to the Animal Welfare Standards in Australia's Live Export Markets

I find it completely unacceptable that Australia exports live animals to other countries. The practice is cruel and needs to stop as soon as possible.

The welfare of our animals in these importing countries cannot be guaranteed as those countries have no regard for animal welfare. What occurs outside our country is beyond our control and by continuing to provide live animals effectively condones the inhumane practises taking place.

It is appalling that Meat and Livestock Australia have allowed this abuse to continue regardless of the evidence repeatedly provided. It is also appalling that the Australian Government has allowed this lack of adequate regulation by MLA to continue. MLA have proven themselves to be untrustworthy, and more focussed on profits than animal welfare. It has been revealed in MLA reports that they are more concerned with "animal activists" and public perceptions rather than addressing the real issue of animal welfare.

The Australian public has spoken loud and clear, we do not support the live animal trade and will no longer let this awful trade to continue.

Yours sincerely

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