



WARRINGAL CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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

END LIVE ANIMAL EXPORT

The Warringal Conservation Society is a local not for profit community based organisation caring for the environment in Banyule. Although the Society is committed to protect, restore and rehabilitate the natural environment for flora and fauna in Banyule and beyond, we are deeply concerned about the welfare of any animal that is subject to ill treatment.

Warringal Conservation Society is opposed to live animal export, and calls for a permanent ban on all live animal exports for the following reasons:

- In light of recent evidence, it appears that neither the Australian livestock export industry nor the Australian Government have had the will, or the capacity, in preceding years, to ensure the well-being of our livestock once they are out of the country. In light of the lack of consideration for animal welfare, the Australian livestock export industry cannot be trusted to ensure that even basic international animal protection standards are maintained in importing countries.
- The processing of livestock in Australia ensures that animal welfare can be enforced through our animal protection legislation.
- As outlined in a number of economic reports on live animal exports and the meat processing industry, there are significant economic reasons for processing Australian Livestock in Australia. Such benefits would not only include more jobs being created in Australia (especially rural areas), but also chilled and frozen meat exports from Australia would further increase if Australia was not providing importing nations with the alternative of live animals.

In light of the above, Warringal Conservation Society believes that the welfare of livestock should be protected, and that the only logical and humane alternative is to ban live animal exports and to process the livestock in Australia.

Yours faithfully,

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