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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re. Live Export

I am writing to submit my concerns regarding live export of animals for slaughter and I respectfully ask that you consider the following information.

My particular concerns:

- Countries including Indonesia and the Middle East do not have the same animal welfare concerns as Australia does, therefore their facilities and methods are clearly unable to attend to these animals in the way that Australia would demand. Also their view of these animals is so poor that they treat them with such violence.
- The Australian industry has proven that it cannot manage these concerns and has caused a public outcry to demand this be addressed.
- The Australian Government (both parties) have known for many years of horrific cruelty that these animals endure. The transport of them alone results in many deaths, well before they even get to these countries. If the government enforces standards of care towards animals in Australia, then how can it be justified that we can send them to this totally unacceptable fate? We have a duty of care for these animals and live export needs to cease immediately.
- If a strong farming country like New Zealand can cease live export then I don't understand how Australia cannot.

I do not support continuation of the live export trade in any form. The points relating to transport, animal age/weight or identification as these methods should have been introduced when live export was initiated many years ago. The fact that these methods are not already in place supports that the public do not trust the government or industry to implement or manage this now.

I request that you use the inquiry to ban all live export or risk a boycott of meat in Australia.

I look forward to the findings from this inquiry resulting in a full ban of all live trade.

Yours faithfully,

Golda Mangan