

The Senate  
Animal Welfare Standards  
Parliament  
Australia

Dear Sirs

**Supplementary Submission AGAINST the Live Animal Export Trade**

Further to my First Submission against the Live Animal Export Trade, my Supplementary Submission is as follows:

1. I have heard arguments that isolated inland villages in Indonesia and in the Middle East, Africa and Asia, etc do not have electricity for refrigeration and/or cannot afford refrigeration for chilled and frozen meats, and hence therefore the need to export live animals.

In response to this – this is not Australia’s responsibility, nor any other Countries’ responsibility. The Indonesian Government and the Governments in Middle Eastern, African and Asian countries, etc should be assisting their poverty stricken and disadvantaged with Welfare systems where they would be able to afford the necessities like electricity and refrigeration.

2. I have heard arguments that we and the Export Industry have no right to interfere with other Cultures’ beliefs and their Religious practices, etc.

In response to this – **Cultural and Religious practices are NO EXCUSE for cruelty towards Animals.**

Furthermore, Cultural and Religious practices must NEVER override Animal Welfare and Protection Laws.

3. I have heard arguments that the Cattle and Sheep Farmers in the Northern Territories State and the Exporters would not be able to survive without the Live Export Trade.

In response to this – the Cattle and Sheep Farmers in the Northern Territories State and the Exporters long survived successfully 30 and 40 years ago before the Live Animal Export Trade began, and are therefore still able to successfully survive without the Live Animal Export Trade now.

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4. Cruelty, abuse and maltreatment towards Sheep and Cattle in the Middle East still continues now. Please view the below 3 websites which show evidence of Cruelty and Abuse towards Exported Animals in Israel (and Turkey):

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/video-shows-cattle-cruelty-20110824-1jab6.html>

<http://www.animalsaustralia.org/features/live-export-cruelty-israel.php>

<http://banliveexport.com/international-standards/>

Once again, it all comes down to the same old scenario: **“How much money can we make from this, at the expense of animal exploitation and cruelty”**.

Thank you.

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