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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Rural Affairs and Transport
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Re: Animal welfare standards in Australia's live export markets

I am writing to express my concern at the current lack of welfare standards enforced by the Australian Government and the inability to ensure animals for live export will be treated and processed to Australian standards once they reach the export market.

I find it unacceptable for Australia to continue fueling the live export trade with countries that cannot and will not, meet Australian standards.

Meat and Livestock Australia have known about the cruelty for more than 10 years and have done nothing to fix the problem. Clearly they are unable or unwilling to do this themselves and the Australian Government must do all it can to improve welfare standards.

I have no faith in Meat and Livestock Australia and I ask the Australian Government to step in and take control of the matter to ensure all animals are treated with the respect and compassion they deserve.

Yours sincerely,

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