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

A ban on live exports is the only way to ensure that Australian animals will be slaughtered humanely, due to our world leading standards for animal welfare. By sending our animals to countries such as Indonesia, we are sentencing them to a violent and agonising death, if this were allowed to happen in Australia, an uproar would occur as well as harsh penalties applying. We have an obligation and responsibility to ensure our animals' wellbeing, it is not enough to say it isn't our responsibility once they leave our shores.

The live animal trade is cruel, from transportation through to the slaughterhouse in a foreign country. It is abhorrent that such torture is allowed to occur, and that a blind eye has been turned in order to appease the few that benefit enormously from this disgusting trade.

There are no assurances or guarantees that Australian animals will be slaughtered according to the international standards which are set at an absolute minimum, and it has been shown that these standards have been flouted by countries such as Indonesia. It seems these agreements are not worth the paper they are written on, nor MOU's, as there is no recourse and therefore no incentive for these countries to adhere.

Meat and Livestock Australia and LiveCorp have shown their ineptitude in managing the affairs on behalf of the industry, they have severely let down those who they represent and caused permanent damage to their reputation. They have spent taxpayers money on marketing rather than where it matters the most, animal welfare. They have performed so badly that now they cannot be trusted. The Australian Government must intervene to overhaul a corrupt and dysfunctional system.

It is pleasing that the Animals Australia footage of the torture going on in Indonesian abattoirs reached the public and exposed the live animal trade for what it really is. The public are now aware and do not accept these intolerable conditions Australian animals endure.

I support an end to live animal exports.

Yours sincerely

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