

Senate Committee Inquiry: Animal Welfare Standards in Australias Live Export Markets,

I'm from a 6 generational family in Newcastle & wish to express my outrage at the existance of the inherently cruel trade of Live Animal Exports from Australia. I have communicated many times with our Federal member in Newcastle Ms Sharon Grierson over years now about this barbaric trade but have been met with a couldn't care less attitude, something I have taken great offence to & now I've learnt by many others as well. As I have been totally put aside by Ms Grierson I now feel compelled to write this submission to the Senate, as I don't believe that many MPs could feel as Ms Grierson does & in all honesty I feel I could not rely on her to pass on the vast opposition there is to this offensive live trade in animals.

The public should not have to point out to their own Government just how unnecessary & inherently cruel this trade is, whether it be sheep, cattle, goats or anything alive, if we allow this trade to continue we are as bad as the people inflicting the pain & torture. I am a very proud Australian & how we are normally the first Nation to point out to others Nations if they were doing the wrong thing however while we were preaching to them we were engaging in this barbaric trade, that makes us nothing more than hypocrites, something not many decent people like to be labled & take great offence to, this must be rectified if we ever want to have ANY credibility at all in the future. We will never be able to have any control over these poor animals welfare at all once they leave our shores & any honest intelligent person would have to realise this fact. Unfortunately many countries & their people regard animals as little more than rubbish & feel they can do & treat them anyway they wish, like shoving 3 live sheep in a cars boot in 50+ C heat, closing the lid & driving off into the desert, think about it for a minute & if you can honestly think that this is acceptable in this day & age then may I suggest you should NOT be representing the decent people of Australia. The ABC show which initiated this outcry was unfortunately only one of many over the years that showed how some people were making big money out of these poor beasts misery & cruelty.

It is scientifically proven that all animals feel pain & indeed even emotional feelings, just look at the face of that one poor creature that had just witnessed the horrid death of all the group it was in, if that is not the look of FEAR I don't know what is. No-one should be allowed to profit in ANY way shape or form through another living things suffering & cruelty, even the transportation of these animals are inherently dangerous & exposes them to unnecessary needless risk. For gods sake we are supposed to be an enlightened society not a country still stuck in the dark ages, it's about time we acted like one & barred this hideous trade of live animals, afterall we are now one of few countries left that still allows this horrific medieval trade to continue.

If humanely slaughtered meat is not good enough for these countries let them go hungry, no-one in this day & age could possibly think that the vast majority of Australians wants this trade to continue & I'm sure that if any Politician who mistakenly thinks otherwise will live to regret it on election day.

I'm sure you good people in the this Senate Committee know within yourself this trade is inherently cruel & for people to actually profit from these poor beasts suffering will NO longer be tolerated in this day & age by society.

Please do the right thing, the only thing, totally abolish this barbaric blood trade of all Live Animals Exported from Australia & prove again to the world that we do care & indeed say as we do.

I thank you for the opportunity to submit this to the Senate Committee.

Yours most sincerely
Graeme Simpson