



TASMANIAN FARMERS & GRAZIERS ASSOCIATION

Ms Jeanette Radcliffe
Committee Secretary
Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Committee
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Dear Ms Radcliffe,

The Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association (TFGA) is the peak lobby group representing farmers in the state. TFGA is a member of Cattle Council of Australia and supports the matters raised in their submission.

Although the majority of cattle exported to Indonesia are sourced from Northern and Western Australia, Tasmanian producers are still impacted by the live export industry. All matters relating to livestock impact on the entirety of the industry in some manner.

The key areas of interest to the Tasmanian industry are:

- The export of dairy heifers for breeding purposes. Tasmania has in the past also exported sheep.
- We are greatly concerned about the national biosecurity threat that would be imposed if Indonesia were to begin sourcing livestock from other countries that are known to have diseases such as foot and mouth disease or that do not compare to our level of biosecurity.

Of course, we would be happy to provide any further information you may require.

Yours sincerely

Jan Davis

Chief Executive Officer

15 July 2011