

To whom it may concern,

I've never approved of live animal exports for slaughter. For a long time I lived across from the sheep holding paddocks in Wellard WA which punctuated their long road to torture and death. I also witnessed the inhumane treatment of these animals by Australians.

After the airing of the treatment of cattle in Indonesian slaughter houses on the Four Corners program I have become consumed by the need to convince the Government to bring an immediate end to the trade. It's abhorrent and reprehensible.

As have countless other Australians writing in have said, this trade is fundamentally flawed; there is no way that a comprehensive and consistent change in the treatment of animals overseas can be achieved. Australia has precious little influence over the hearts and souls of those who can begin skinning an animal before its dead!

Through this saga I've been reminded once again how industry can separate itself into several components and abandon culpability and responsibility altogether. This has become a well polished act as most Governments fail in their duty to insist ethical and moral trade/industry from "a to z" - capturing environmental policy, human rights and animals welfare in all procedures and processes. Like BHP in the Gulf of Mexico, MLA and the entire beef industry (and Government) have back-stepped from something they have caused. The institutionalised torture and terror that our animals experience overseas IS "SOMEONES" FAULT. The "pulse" from the Australian public in response to this issue is an important indicator to our Governments – it shows how its people feel about this, and, how we feel should be validated not patronised by farmers who choose to dichotomise country and city Australians!

As usual industry whinges and carries on after its been "exposed". It knows with enough outcry and "loss of job" grabs Government will rescind on any tough measures it tries to impose.

The world must drive towards an ethical and moral global economy – we require Governments to insist on this and make some hard decisions. Industry will continue to hold its dirty little secrets away from the majority of us for as long as possible; therefore tough measures must be put in place to prevent and counter atrocities to the environment and any living creature.

I support the Bill to end live animal export for slaughter trade

Kind regards,

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