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- SUBMISSION -

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I wish to make a submission regarding the shipment of live animals from Australia.

I strongly believe that the shipment of live animals from Australia should be permanently ceased. I submit the following reasons:

1. Animal brutality in foreign destinations, in particular Indonesia, so cruel in it's practice has gained the abhorrence of the Australian public.
2. The practice is illegal. In Australia, as part of our law system, we have in place laws against cruelty to animals. If we then hand over an animal knowing that animal will almost certainly be subjected to horrendous cruelty, and in a country where no protective laws exist, then surely it is illegal to send an animal to that destination.
3. ~~Even if a review recommended guidelines for future shipment of live animals, they will be exactly that, only recommendations - there will be no guarantee that animals will be treated humanely.~~ There are no pertinent laws in place in such destinations, in a country where there is systemic cruelty, total and abject disregard for humane treatment of living animals. It would take a complete change of attitude of people from such a different cultural society, not just a memo from Australia.
4. After the revelations of atrocities at Indonesian abattoirs were revealed and live shipment of animals were suspended, Indonesia stated that they would get animals from elsewhere - they did not address the animal cruelty issue, it was not important to them - illustrating the lack of concordance and fundamental incompatibility with Australia's laws on humane treatment of live animals.
5. I don't think it should be underestimated the damage done to the reputation of the proponents of live shipment. Now truths have been revealed, Australians have been outraged and sickened by the extreme cruelty they have seen, and many people in Australia (and I include some from my, and my extended family) have ceased to eat beef. If the cattle producers do not stand up and show some duty of care for the animals they have raised then I can see a greater rift between them and the Australian public.
6. When live shipment was introduced in Australia many abattoirs closed down and many jobs lost, have we forgotten that ? This could now be re-addressed, with humane procedures in place and protected by law.

I submit that shipment of living animals cease immediately and permanently.

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