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To whom it may concern

I would like to see a total ban on live animal export to all overseas countries and fully support the Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 (No 2) and the Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 (No 2) which seek an end date for all live animal exports within 3 years

In the interim years, recommend that the Australian Government together with industry implement the highest standards of animal welfare, which are confirmed to go beyond those set by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

I fully support & recommend the establishment of an *Australian Animal Welfare Council* to provide accurate independent advice on animal welfare matters.

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