I oppose the governments decsion to reopen the live animal trade with Indonesia. I am hoping consideration of live export bans will finally be given top priority with recognition of widespread public support for the ban and exposure of the level of corruption between the government and the Australian meat indusrty. Blatant cruelty must be stopped now, we do not need to compensate the Indonesians, all animal cruelty must be stopped. When will this government stand up for what is morally right? At every point at which this government is tested it backs down and takes the path of least resistance. Values are not a commodity to be traded for perceived gain. The ethical vacuum in which is government currently languishes sends incredibly harmful messages to our country and its observers.

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