

I am writing to you in sheer desperation in the hope that you will listen to the public who after witnessing the abattoirs on Four Corners a few weeks back, can now not sleep at night. How can you possibly allow live export to continue, when stunning the animals is not compulsory. How can you turn a blind eye to the torture and pain endured by millions of helpless and very innocent animal? I seriously don't know how you can live with yourself, knowing just how these animals are being murdered.

- The Public request the government reinstate the ban of live trade to Indonesia to prevent to continued inhumane treatment of Australian cattle in Indonesia.
 - We support the passage of 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.
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 - In the interim years, we 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).
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- World leading expert in animal behaviour, Professor Temple Grandin, has reported that research agrees that throat-cutting without stunning does not induce instantaneous unconsciousness^[1]. Ritual slaughter remains to submit animals to some level of cruelty and is inhumane. **If the government maintains live cattle export, they must include a guarantee that slaughter without stunning (known in most cases as ritual (halal or kosher) slaughter) will *not* occur.**
 - The recent concern about live export, which is a federal animal welfare responsibility, highlights the need for a national agency to address animal welfare issues. In light of the recent situation of the treatment of Australian cattle exported to Indonesia, and the recent reporting of the lack of credible research into slaughter of such cattle in Indonesia, it is clear that Australia needs a Non-Departmental Public Body to review and recommend advice on animal welfare matters. **Recommend the establishment of an *Australian Animal Welfare Council* to provide accurate independent advice on animal welfare matters.**

If you are not going to ban live export, then please please guarantee the welfare of our beautiful animals.

As an Australian citizen, I am now ashamed of my county. Please have a heart and do the right thing.

Yours sincerely,
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