

# **SUBMISSION TO THE SENATE INQUIRY**

**Regional Affairs and Transport  
committee**

**National Animal Welfare Bill**

**ANIMAL WELFARE BILL, 2003**

**PRIVATE MEMBERS BILL**

**“A Bill for an Act to promote humane, responsible  
and accountable care, protection and use of  
ALL Animals.”**

**FROM (PALE)**

**PEOPLE AGAINST LIVE EXPORTS**

**in CONJUNCTION WITH**

**RSPCA QLD**

**(AFIC) AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF ISLAMIC  
COUNCIL AND COUNCILS and supported by AMIEU**

**(PALE) People Against Live Exports and its members of the Public would like to thank The Parliament of Australia and the Senate for the opportunity to Present this Submission.**

**We would also like to have placed on record that we would like to address and attend in person to your enquiry along with members of Islamic Council Of Australia AFIC**

**(PALE) PEOPLE AGAINST LIVE EXPORTS supports and relies upon the Bill and the Second Round Speech Tabled by Senator Andrew Bartlett and requests that all its recommendations be upheld.**

**(PALE) Relies upon where bridges of animal welfare have occurred and supports the many submissions from organisations such as PACAT, in the past Animal Liberation and the many Animal Welfare groups who have repeatedly tabled**

**undisputed evidence of a lack of accountability and laws Regarding Animal Welfare Standards or lack of them in this country.**

**(PALE)Has there for concentrated on proposals to assist to improve Animal welfare Standards and move forward to achieve satisfactory results working more closely with industry Government and all Animal Welfare bodies and especially the farmers who are the backbone of this country.**

**We represent the Australia Public 96 percent of whom Eat Meat and whom also care about Animal Welfare from Paddock to plate.**

**Pale also relies upon previous submissions lodged by our own organisation and asks the committee to take those in account along with this submission.**

**(PALE) and the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils [AFIC} have reached and performed significant preparatory work in relation to the establishing more Free Range Farms and share Farmers Of Farms and Halal Abattoirs in Australia.**

**PALE have investigated and wishes to trial a new more humane slaughter method of the slaughtering of the larger beasts as opposed to stunning of the animal.**

**This is of considerable interest to AFIC the Australian Federation of Islamic Council as it appears this matter of slaughter will not damage the skull and the brain on the animal.**

**PALE have reached desires of promoting the Establishment of Halal FREE RANGE Farms and Abattoirs vegetables and stock with Australian and Muslim co-joint owner ship and lease holds.**

**Australian Federation of Islamic Council AFIC is supportive of such an initiative.**

**We submit to your enquiry that until there is an Alternative method of farming and slaughtering of all animals and including and especially beginning with live exports nothing will change.**

**(PALE) People Against Live Exports> Submissions.**

**People Against Live Exports there by submits some alternative solutions and move on from the same old same old.**

**We rely upon the much documented evidence and submissions from other groups such as PACAT, Animal liberation RSPCA and acknowledge the efforts and support their submissions to this enquiry.**

**However there is a need to further extend in the interests of Animal welfare A request for more joint unity between Industry Government and a better way for main stream groups to put up ideas to assist farmers and Government.**

**We further submit to this enquiry that we encourage all Animals Groups and including the Government to work to support our Agreement with a company known as Halal Kind Meats [HKM].**

**Those people in the Animal Welfare Industry may also recognise the name [PALE] People Against Live Exports in Conjunction with RSPCA QLD and Wendy Lewthwaite.**

**It may not be widely known among the community that many Muslims are in actual fact vegetarians.**

**Muslim people do not agree with Animal Cruelty.**

**PALE working with RSPCA QLD and [AFIC] Australian Federation of Islamic Councils has put together a program to foster joint ventures with overseas live importers and investors with Australian Farmers in co joining or by lease or by personal arrangement and operating FREE RANGE Farms for all Animals and co-jointly owned abattoirs within Australia.**

**(AFIC) have amongst other things Coordinate the Muslim Community across the Nation and represent all Australian Muslims in Government and interfaith affairs.**

**(PALE) People Against Live Exports works with [HKM] and AFIC (HKM) Halal Kind Meats who are responsible for Halal Meat and Food Products Certification to improve Animal Welfare.**

**(PALE) also supports the establishment of many Muslim Animal Welfare Groups and encourages all members of the Community and other Animal Welfare Groups to make contact with the email address that will be provided below to assist advise and form bonds with your Muslim youth interested in Animal Welfare .**

**All contact must be made through our PALE office with contacts provided below. We would encourage the Government to support PALE in this project also.**

**It is important that you follow this process that we work with from head office to head office.**

**All Animal Welfare Enquiries recommendations, ideas initiative will be directed to our office and not directly to (AFIC)**

**PALE in conjunction with RSPCA QLD have identified a common goal namely the desire to stop the inhumane treatment of animals and to have meat and meat products prepared in accordance with the laws of Islam commonly referred to as Halal.**

**We recognize the advantage of having meat and meat products provided in**

**Australia for export which is being killed and prepared in accordance with the laws of Islam here in Australia under humane conditions**

**PALE feel strongly that as times change so must we.  
We need to move with the times not only for Animal Welfare but to include instead of excluding our Muslim brothers and Sisters in Australia ALL of whom that we have dealt with in the last three years who have shown enormous concern for Animal Welfare.**

**A New register of Animal Welfare bodies is required in this country including people on boards that are of Muslim faith and are knowledgeable regarding halal slaughter.**

**To Address the Submissions from The Industry which we welcome as follows**

**Australian Pork limited**

**(PALE) welcomes the submissions from the Australian Pork Industry.**

**We would encourage and welcome meetings with this industry and stress that we are also here to assist them.**

**(PALE) believes that we have answers and alternatives to some of the problems involved in this industry.**

**International interest to inject large funds mainly by way of donations to provide more Free-Range Farms and a better price for their product.**

**We would like to add however that we do have Professors of Science that would disagree with some of their theories on Pig Farming.**

**We would also like to acknowledge that within all industries we can learn by listening to their concerns extending to there many problems regarding exports and imports.**

**We encourage them to contact us at the email address provided below**

**Addressing the Sheep Meat, Wool Producers, Cattle Council of Australia**

**People Against Live Exports (PALE) in conjunction of the RSPCA QLD, Australian Islamic councils of Australia and the AMIEU strongly support the establishment of a National Animal Welfare Authority that would appoint Animal Welfare Inspectors from Animal Right Groups including PACAT, Animal Angels, Animal Liberation, PALE, and others especially Farmers, or “retired Farmers” who may be willing to attend a training course of Accreditation allowing them to undertake random Inspections; immediately**

**seize and treat live stop; seize property; and provide animal welfare directions to producers.**

**These provisions are completely necessary. The lack of supervision and Animal Welfare officers throughout Australia is well documented and a matter of record.**

**To suggest that there is not an Animal Welfare problem in this county is both unproductive and arrogant.**

**There has never been any suggestion and (PALE) finds it extraordinary to suggest a formation to this type of association would have unchecked powers.**

**(PALE) in conjunction with RSPCA QLD and the Small Farmers Association working with (AFIC) further would like to submit they are understanding and very sympathetic of concerns raised by this company of carrying the full financial ramifications of this bill.**

**It is here by our submission that some of the Government subsidies which is paid by every tax payer who contributes many “unknowingly” to the tune of \$480 (per year and plus) more evenly and fairly distributed to help carry some of the expenses.**

**There has been no suggestion under this bill that this organization carry all of these extra costs. We would certainly agree in theory that this would be unreasonable. We would welcome meetings with the Cattle Council of Australia, Sheep Meat, Wool Producers. Any attempts in the past to hold discussions with this organization to discuss ways we can assist both them and Animal Welfare have been flatly rejected.**

**We strongly urge and request that we may be given the opportunity to discuss some of these very important issues in the future.**

## **National Farmers Federation**

**(PALE) has made many attempts too hold discussions with the National Farmers Federation. All of these requests have been denied to date.**

**Apart from Animal Welfare which is our number one priority (PALE) is seriously concerned about our Australian Farmers.**

**We operate on a simple theory which is happy Farmers make kinder Farmers.**

**Our concerns for the closing of our Country Towns and our real Aussie Farmers are very genuine.**

**We are further concerned by the many Country Towns and Farmers who have left their properties some times ranging back over three generations or more.**

**This leads to more intensive farming, which is well documented apart from being cruel to being the cause of many Diseases.**

<http://www.google.com.au/search?q=%2Bdisease%2Bcaused%2Bthrough%2Banimal%2Bintensive%2Bfarms%2B.%2Bindonesia%2B&hl=en&lr=&start=10&sa=N>

[http://www.newyouth.com/archives/environment/foot\\_and\\_mouth\\_disease.asp](http://www.newyouth.com/archives/environment/foot_and_mouth_disease.asp)

[http://www.rspca.org.uk/servlet/Satellite?pagename=RSPCACampaigns/eggs/eg\\_gshomepage&articleid=1126511570923](http://www.rspca.org.uk/servlet/Satellite?pagename=RSPCACampaigns/eggs/eg_gshomepage&articleid=1126511570923)

The days when you could take your children and grandchildren into the country to see all the free-range farms and farmers are quickly leaving this country. We again simply request a meeting with not only the heads of farmers federation and especially the Grass Roots Farmers that are out there doing it tough so we can help them which in turn will help the Animal Welfare in this Country and the re opening the County Towns.

Remember the good old days of Share Farms and our Shearing Sheds.

Australia was built as they say on the Sheep's back and our True Blue Aussie Icons and Heroes. Let us preserve this Proud History and train our Indigenous and Regional area citizens to become self employed and prosper along with those involved in the industry.

We again request that the Farmers Federation meet with us to discuss how we may be of assistance to them and mutually work together. We are not arrogant or extreme and our members enjoy a Steak and a glass of Red along with the 96 percent of Meat Eaters.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO ASSIST THE INDUSTRY SUCH AS THE FARMERS FEDERATION AND THE GOVERNMENT AND ALL INDUSTRIES INCLUDING ALL ANIMAL WELFARE GROUPS ARE AS FOLLOWS**

We encourage The Government, The Farmers Federation and the many others Industries to Form a new Animal Welfare Register to Include Main Stream Groups.

A new Animal Welfare body made up of main stream Groups Public Members and the already largely represented Vegetarian and Vegan Groups.

We need some balance for the Farmers Sake the Animals Sake and the Australian Governments not to mention of course the Animals.

This can be achieved quite easily by adding a few groups to the already self appointed Federation Of Animal Welfare or asking the Government to establish a New one which is the preferred choice.

Equal opportunity of input to Animal Welfare is the request of 96 percent of the Australian public.

We in particular draw this to the attention on Senator Andrew Bartlett and Senator Brown who are largely probably are unaware of the monopoly of their time being given to just one point of view re Animal Welfare being Vegetarian Vegan groups.

**We ask all Senators and Ministers to consider this as a fair go for every Australian Tax payer.**

**(PALE) has in the past received very helpful information from the Ministers Adviser Chris Parker although basically disagreeing on Live Exports in General.**

**We as a recognised Animal Welfare Organisation By Senator Bartlett in his own constituent would also like to make it known that Mr John Kelly from KIAA the Kangaroo Industry Association Australia has also been very helpful and quite regularly personally spearheaded moves to Improve Animal Welfare.**

**It is important that we work WITH the Industry as much as Possible and the Farmers and Government and all the groups who have a interest in Animal Welfare united including vegans and vegetarians who have done some enormously important research and work in the past.**

**Thankyou For Your time Ladies and Gentleman of the Senate .  
Wendy Lewthwaite  
PALE in conjunction with RSPCA QLD AFIC**