



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RURAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT

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MEDIA RELEASE

Inquiry into Animal Welfare Standards in Australia's Live Export Markets

Public Hearing – Canberra – Wednesday, 10 August 2011

The Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Committee will hold a public hearing in Canberra on Wednesday, 10 August 2011 as part of its inquiry into Animal Welfare Standards in Australia's Live Export Markets.

The hearing is being held in Committee Room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra. It will commence 9:00 am and be chaired by Senator Bill Heffernan.

The committee has invited the following witnesses to give evidence at the public hearing:

Time	Witness	Sub No.
9.00 am	World Society for the Protection of Animals [Via Teleconference] Ms Jodie Jankevics, Campaigns Officer	105
9.45 am	RSPCA Australia Inc.	333
	Animals Australia Ms Glenys Oogies, Executive Director Ms Lyn White, Campaign Director	326
10.45 am	Morning Tea Break	
11.00 am	AgForce Queensland [Via Teleconference] Mr Andrew Simpson, Cattle Policy Director Mr Grant Maudsley, Cattle Board President	193
11.45 am	Australian Livestock and Rural Transporters Association Mr John Beer, National President Mr Philip Halton, Executive Director	403
12.30 pm	Lunch Break	
1.15 pm	Australasian Meat Industry Employees Union Mr Brian Crawford, Federal Secretary Mr Lee Norris, Industrial Officer	290
2.00 pm	Australian Agricultural Company Limited Mr David Farley, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director	
2.45 pm	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry/ABARES Mr Paul Morris, Acting Deputy Secretary, Live Animal Export Taskforce	

	Mr Mark Schipp, Acting Chief Veterinary Officer Mr Simon Murnane, General Manager, Livestock Industries and Animal Welfare Ms Lee Cale, General Manager, Animal Export Operations Ms Karen Schneider, Executive Manager, BSG Animal Division Ms Jo Evans, Executive Manager, Trade and Market Access Division Mr Tom Aldred, Executive Manager, Climate Change Division Dr Jammie Penm, Chief Commodity Analyst	
4.15 pm	<i>Adjournment of Hearing</i>	

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing. People who are unable to attend can follow the proceedings using the live audio feed available on the Parliament of Australia website: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>.

A Hansard transcript of the hearing will also be made and will be available on the committee website in due course.

Further information about the committee's inquiry is available on the committee's website at http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/rat_ctte/live_exports_2011/index.htm or by telephoning the committee secretariat on (02) 62773511. The committee is still accepting submissions to this inquiry. Submissions can be lodged online at the committee website, emailed to rat.sen@aph.gov.au or posted to:

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