



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, 14 September 2011**

The Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Committee will hold a public hearing in Canberra on Wednesday, 14 September 2011 as part of its inquiry into Animal Welfare Standards in Australia's Live Export Markets.

The hearing is being held in Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House, Canberra. It will commence at 4.30 pm 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.
4.30 pm	Sheepmeat Council of Australia Ms Kate Joseph, President Mr Ron Cullen, Chief Executive Officer	361
5.00 pm	ABC/Four Corners Ms Sarah Ferguson, Reporter, Four Corners Mr Alan Sunderland, Head of Policy, ABC News	
6.30 pm	Professor Ivan Caple Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Melbourne	282
7.00 pm	LiveCorp Dr Roly Nieper, Chairman, LiveCorp Mr Robert Sutton, Chief Executive Officer Mr Cameron Hall, former Chief Executive Officer	315
7.45 pm	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry/ABARES Ms Rona Mellor, Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity Services Group Mr Paul Morris, Acting Deputy Secretary, Live Animal Export Taskforce Dr Mark Schipp, Australian Chief Veterinary Officer Ms Jo Evans, Executive Manager, Trade and Market Access Division Mr Simon Murnane, General Manager, Livestock Industries and Animal Welfare Ms Lee Cale, General Manager, Live Export Reform Taskforce Ms Karen Schneider, Executive Manager, Animal Division, Biosecurity	

	Mr Andrew McDonald, General Manager, Farm Support and Adaptability Mr Tom Aldred, Executive Manager, Climate Change Division Dr Jammie Penm, Chief Commodity Analyst, ABARES Mr Dean Merrilees, General Manager, Animal Export Operations	
8.45 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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