

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER
AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of citizens of Australia opposing live export

Draws to the attention of the House:

- Onshore abattoirs will create multiple winners. The rhetoric that either animals or farmers must be sacrificed is redundant. We owe it to our country communities to create thousands of value-adding local jobs
- Almost all world markets appreciate chilled, reliably tested meat. Australia's economy will benefit.
- It is a moral violation to subject creatures, for which we have a duty of care, to distress, terror and pain. Australians are outraged. Our national reputation is compromised
- Repeated, horrific breaches of 'welfare' standards are not limited to a few rogue countries. ESCAS itself is fundamentally and irrevocably flawed. Common 'best practice' involves throat-cutting while animals are fully conscious. 'Legal' privations and assaults during transport would have perpetrators imprisoned if the animal were domestic or native.
- Time is critical for those being loaded now. Further investigations, and notions such as CCTV also squander resources.

We therefore ask the House to:

- Immediately cease live export
- Work with the Australian Government to develop and deliver policies and programs supporting localised, sustainable, humane animal processing
- Deliver an international message that Australia's exports shall now prioritise quality over quantity
- Enact consistent animal welfare legislation