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Submission to the Animal Welfare Standards in Australia's Live Export Markets

I support the current Bill before Parliament to end live animal exports. The trade is cruel and should not be allowed to continue any longer.

These animals suffer terribly, during the ship journeys and then at the hands of ill equipped and trained handlers and slaughterers. We have seen recent footage from Four Corners proving other countries are incapable of handling our animals well let alone treat them with any respect. This has been supported time and again from many reports of ill treatment. There are many aspects to the live trade that are just not right, there has been so much time allowed to let the industry improve things, but they have failed miserably.

Once our animals leave our shores there is no way their welfare can be guaranteed.

I believe it would be a much better way to process our animals here in Australia and thus gaining benefits in many ways.

Yours sincerely

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