

Submission to the Senate Inquiry into live exports

We are appalled and outraged that the ban on live animal export trade to Indonesia has been lifted.

We strongly support an immediate ban of live trade to Indonesia and an end date for ALL live animal exports to any country within three years.

We strongly believe it is against all humanitarian principles to subject animals to the discomfort and distress involved in travel to other countries for slaughter.

In addition we believe there can be no guarantee of animal welfare for these animals unless they are slaughtered here in Australia, under our supervision.

We request that the government reinstate the ban of live trade to Indonesia to prevent continued inhumane treatment and slaughter of Australian cattle.

We support the passage of the Live animal export prohibition bill and the Live animal export restriction bill with a view to ending all live animal exports within 3 years.

Until these three years is up the highest standards of animal welfare should be enforced, with a guarantee of stunning prior to slaughter of any animals.

We strongly recommend the establishment of an Australian Animal Welfare Council to provide accurate independent advice on all animal welfare matters.

Yours Sincerely,

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