



Animals' Angels Australia (AAA) submission on the Inspector-General of Live Animal Exports Amendment (Animal Welfare) Bill 2023 (the Bill)

AAA has considerable on-ground experience observing live animal exports at the Port of Fremantle. From that experience we know that there is ample opportunity to improve animal welfare during the export process. To that end we welcome any efforts to improve the current arrangements.

Whilst the Bill does expand on the current Act, and does attempt to raise the focus on animal welfare, we are of the view that there is an opportunity to go further.

We propose that the titles for the Inspector General (IG) and the legislation should be amended to remove mention of live animal exports and simply refer to 'Animal Welfare'. It is self evident that live animal exports should be of considerable interest to anyone concerned about, or responsible for, animal welfare given the live export industry's indefensibly poor track record in animal welfare.

Due to the fact that each jurisdiction in Australia has its own animal welfare legislation and incumbent variable support politically and financially there is a lack of consistency in animal welfare protection across the country. We see an opportunity for the IG to improve national consistency in this area for the benefit of the reputation of Australia as a country that purports to take animal welfare seriously.

We are aware of a submission provided by the Australian Alliance for Animals and wish to note that we support their comments.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on this important matter.

Yours sincerely

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