23 November 2018

**RE: Submission to the Review of the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (ASEL)**

Dear Committee Members,

This year, we have yet again seen the failure of the live export industry to protect Australian animals from abject cruelty on board ships. We’ve seen animals subjected to cramped, filthy environments, bogged down in their own faeces and without clear access to food and water.

The proposed ASEL Standards must do better for animal welfare – Australians will not stand for the cruelty of this industry to continue unchecked, and I’m writing to you to voice my concerns and my expectations for animal welfare within the new standards.

The health and wellbeing of our animals is paramount in this country and we, as Australians, are fiercely passionate about this. We expect high quality of life prior to a swift and merciful death and we rely on you to uphold and enforce this.

There are no export conditions of where you can accommodate this.

Finally, it is my expectation that, on completion of this review process, the Committee will act to immediately to end the exportation of live animals.

Animal welfare should be taken into consideration above the industry, and it is time that the Government and associated bodies seriously takes into consideration the expectations of the Australian people.

I will await the results of the review.

Kind regards,