

Submission on the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission in response to the Review of the Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock. I hope this submission assists in the preparation of the final document.

In response to the draft report, I note that:

1. Humans can live happy and healthy lives without consuming the products of the live export industry (or any other animal industry).
2. Regardless of how the treatment of animals used in the live export industry (or any other animal industry) is improved, they all suffer and they all die in a slaughterhouse at a fraction of their natural lifespan.

The draft report makes the assumption that the breeding, raising, exporting and killing of animals for food will continue indefinitely.

Animal welfare and animal agriculture are a contradiction in terms. While ever we treat animals as a commodity they will never be treated with justice and respect and will suffer and die prematurely.

Most Australians object to animal cruelty, yet through a lack of education are unaware of the horror and cruelty that farm animals suffer. Domestic animals have anti cruelty acts protecting them from the horrific acts of cruelty and suffering that are standard and legal practice for farm animals.

I propose that the goal of the standards be changed to now plan for the immediate end of the live animal export industry and the phasing out of all animal use, including animal farming, in Australia. This proposal is based on the science of animal sentience and nutritional science.

No regulation of animal use can ensure the wellbeing of animals who do not want to die.