

Submission to the Review of the ASEL, 10 September 2018

Dear Committee Reviewing the ASEL

I am a researcher, educator and sustainability professional. My research is not in the area of animal welfare with respect to live export. However, I would not only hope, but expect that the committee has ready access to the best and most credible research in this area to enable evidence-based decision-making.

My concern with the review is that I note that the fundamental question about the capability for any regulation to achieve ethical and moral outcomes based on previous significant and repeated failures is not clearly addressed. This would seem to be a question that needs addressing prior to the many questions noted in each section of the document.

Furthermore, from a sustainability point of view (economic, social and environmental considerations), I have read many studies that determine that economically, domestic slaughter has better outcomes for the domestic economy. Again, I hope and expect that the committee has access to reliable, peer-reviewed, credible data.

I understand that economic and development issues cross into the wicked problems realm; however, this review is fundamentally about Australia's (i.e. ours as individuals) capacity to act with ethics and morals, which may require not only different questions to be asked, but also different solutions e.g. aid for purchasing refrigeration, education around the quality of meat without adrenalin pulsing through it prior to death, etc.

Many thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback.