

Dear Mr Littleproud

I am writing in connection with the practice of exporting animals live for slaughter overseas.

Even though the industry has been under some degree of scrutiny, utterly barbaric and inhumane conditions on board are still in evidence. If this were not the case, the 'acceptable' percentage of fatalities in transit would be nowhere near 2% or even 1%. Sadly, this demonstrates that, in reality, improvements are not taking place. In fact, like a growing number of Australians, I maintain that there simply is no humane way of confining live animals in cramped conditions on a ship for weeks at a time; and neither has it ever been adequately demonstrated that the conditions once these animals arrive are anywhere near acceptable by even the most basic standards of animal welfare.

For these reasons, I implore you to phase out live exports without delay.

Respectfully,

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