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This is where they end up

The Australian live animal export industry and the Federal government would have you believe that Australia's continued involvement in this trade is making life (and death) better for the 3 million-plus sheep, cattle, goats and camels that we export live every year.

Whilst *some* improvements have been made over the past three decades, and particularly in the last two years, the facts remain:

- We **cannot** and **never will be able to** control the handling and slaughter of animals in importing countries.
- Despite the implementation of the Exporters Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS) at the end of 2011, the Department of Agriculture have investigated or is investigating **90 ESCAS breaches - most of them serious** and the vast majority of them validated.

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- 70% of animals exported live from Australia for slaughter will have their throats cut whilst fully conscious - this equates to a **terrifying, prolonged and painful death**; the added mishandling and abuse they commonly encounter is not consistent with correct Halal slaughter.
- Continuing to send animals to countries where they are **consistently mishandled and abused** sends the message that we condone that abuse.
- Regardless of where they end up, transporting animals used to pasture and open skies, on a ship for anything from 4 days to 5 weeks exposes them to increased trauma, stress and risk of disease - **just in the past five years nearly 100,000 animals have died on board en route.**
- Every time we send animals overseas for slaughter, we also **send Australian jobs and value adding-profits overseas.** Create jobs... stop live export! Keeping these jobs in Australia has the potential to **revive and revitalise declining rural communities.**
- All animals correctly Halal slaughtered for chilled export in one of Australia's 70 Halal-certified abattoirs are **stunned prior to having their throats cut.**
- Nearly every single country we currently export live animals to (with the exception of Turkey), also **imports chilled lamb and/or beef from Australia.**
- **The chilled meat market to the Middle East alone, is worth the same as the entire live export market!**

If you feel that animals deserve better than this; if you believe Australia should be setting an example, not perpetrating animal cruelty; if you think that the Government should at *least* be weeding out the worst of the live exporters; if you *don't* think we should be opening up or re-opening new live export markets (China, Russia, Iran, Bahrain, Egypt, Cambodia, Thailand and Lebanon) whilst the current ones are unable to be controlled; and if you'd like to see jobs and profits stay in Australia, please add your voice to the informed and compassionate majority of people in Australia and around the world, who oppose this cruel trade.

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