

Outraged by cruelty to animals in the live export trade?

Help us transition to an expanded
chilled meat trade





STOP LIVE EXPORTS.org

GET ACTIVE!

Join us! We need volunteers and members to help us end the cruel and indefensible live export trade...

Stop Live Exports is an incorporated, not for profit grassroots group that represents the views of Australians from all walks of life who believe that the live export trade is inherently cruel.

Things you can do:

- Contact your MP to ask him/her to support a phase out of live exports.
- Write to the media.
- Join *Stop Live Exports* and support our advocacy campaigns.
- Get petitions signed.
- Help us on our community outreach stalls or at our other events.
- March with us in community parades.

You'll meet many other like-minded people and be part of a great team who are playing an important role in ending this trade.

To find out all the details go to www.stopliveexports.org



Al Kuwait loading in Fremantle, Katrina Love



Australian steer roped for slaughter in Indonesia, Animals Australia



Australian sheep awaiting fully conscious slaughter, Animals Australia



Chilled Australian lamb in butchers shop, Kuwait, 2003, Animals Australia



Poor handling practises, Bahrain feedlot, Animals Australia

The Truth about Live Animal Export

During the past 30 plus years, Australia has exported over 150 million animals for slaughter, mostly to the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

MYTH: Mortalities on board are low.

More than 2 million of these animals have died en route, half from starvation. These deaths are deemed an "acceptable" loss by an industry that puts profit above animal welfare. This death statistic fails to reflect the trauma the other animals have endured in the same extremely hot, cramped, ammonia-filled conditions to arrive dehydrated, starving, diseased and stressed.

Upon arrival, animals endure further transport and handling practices that are both unacceptable and illegal in Australia. Sheep, cattle and goats routinely have their throats cut whilst fully conscious. Animals killed in this way can endure prolonged, painful, fearful deaths.

MYTH: Importing countries don't have adequate refrigeration.

Australia's largest importers are Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, both oil-rich and affluent countries. Public cold storage facilities in the Middle East increased by 650% between 2004 and 2006 and one of Kuwait's major importers actually imports live sheep from Australia to be slaughtered in abattoirs there and then

sold side by side in supermarkets with Australian chilled product.

MYTH: Australia needs this trade.

Independent economic reports have confirmed that live exports are undermining Australia's meat processing industry – an industry five times more lucrative than live exports.

The ACIL Tasman Report has proven that an animal processed in Australia is worth 20% more to the WA economy than one exported.

Australia's major meat processors have confirmed that Australia has the capacity to process all cattle and sheep currently going to live export and has accredited Halal facilities.

Contrary to industry claims, live export does not underpin 10,000 jobs in the rural sector. The majority of those jobs would remain if animals were processed in Australia. In fact thousands of jobs would be created by increased domestic processing.

MYTH: Conditions have improved for animals in this trade.

Recent "improvements" in the live export industry do not go nearly far enough to protect the welfare of Australian animals in importing countries. The Australian Government hasn't even mandated the pre-slaughter stunning of our animals in importing countries and only "encourages" it.

The bottom line is that there is no such thing as humane live export.



Photograph: Kate Lamb

For more detail on the facts please visit our website: www.stopliveexports.org

Membership Form

Title: _____ First name: _____ Surname: _____

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Please go to our website www.stopliveexports.org to become a member by pledging a small monthly donation via Paypal.

OR

I enclose my **cheque** or **money order** (payable to *Stop Live Exports*)

I would like to join *Stop Live Exports* with an annual membership payment of \$30

Also, I would like to give a single donation of: \$50 \$100 \$200 Other: \$ _____

Please debit my Bank Card MasterCard Visa Diners AMEX

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Thank you!



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