

I have kept this submission brief because the issue is actually quite simple.

Australia allows live animal exports because it places economics ahead of cruelty.

The farmers care nothing for the suffering their animals endure but only that they can earn an extra dollar even though it is from their misery. It is an appalling that greed allows this trade to continue when there is an acceptable alternative.

“The importation of meat into Muslim countries from non-Muslim-majority countries and producers raises a number of halal-related questions, which are addressed in this chapter. Imported meat of halal animals, such as beef, mutton, and chicken, from countries that follow Christianity or other monotheistic religions is lawful for consumption by Muslims even if the name of Allah has not been cited, provided they have gone through their own slaughter methods, thus precluding killing by other means. This is not, however, the case with regard to meats imported from countries that do not practice a monotheistic religion and do not fall under the People of Scripture.”

Kamali, Mohammad Hashim, 'Imported Meat', *Shariah and the Halal Industry* (New York, 2021; online edn, Oxford Academic, 19 Aug. 2021), <https://doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780197538616.003.0025>, accessed 4 May 2023.

It shows therefore that it is quite possible for farmers to maintain and expand their markets by shipping slaughtered carcasses instead of live beasts I understand if Australian abattoirs are used as opposed to those in the Middle East the cost is greater but the margins are there to absorb these costs and the populations of the largely Muslim importing markets are growing. I refuse to believe a frozen carcass trade is uneconomic - it works perfectly to non-muslim destinations.

The farmers also appear unwilling to consider the benefit of increased employment and income generated by the creation of abattoirs in Australia and their ongoing operation.

The suffering endured by the animals is well documented. We have some control whilst they are in Australia but once onboard a ship and upon arrival at their destination we have none. All the copious evidence shows that in general the treatment of these poor beasts is atrocious.

We do not need New Zealand, or elsewhere, to show us the way?

We, in Australia, profess to be humane so we should end this trade now without further endless consultations.

I supported The Labour Party at the last election solely on their promise to end this trade and firmly believe that they should and will do so.

