

## The horror of live export for the animals

Live export is cruel and causes suffering to the animals at every stage of the journey. The animals face welfare problems, poor conditions during transportation, high death rates, and mistreatment in the importing countries.

Just a few of the dreadful issues with live export: They are not treated well before they embark on the journey. They must exist in overcrowded conditions that prevent them from resting or accessing food and water. The harsh conditions on board ships lead to sickness and high mortality rates. They suffer through drastic changes in climate during transportation. They are sometimes rejected at ports. Finally, they suffer inhumane handling and slaughter practices in the importing countries.

It's important to note that once the animals reach their destination, our government loses control over their welfare. We cannot ensure that the animals are slaughtered humanely, because other countries don't follow Australian regulations. They don't even always stun the animals before slaughter. There is evidence that inhumane practices occur in importing countries.

It's not just the animals. Live export also has negative effects on the environment, water pollution from sewerage, the working conditions of crews involved, and health risks for importing countries.

If we must export our meat, let's slaughter the animals close to where they are produced, to reduce the stress and suffering associated with long-distance transportation. We should be promoting a trade in chilled and frozen meat, which would eliminate the need for live export and save countless animals from the cruel fate they currently face.