

Submission - Live Animal Export

My Comments on this industry are of a general nature.

There have been numerous instances where this industry has failed to protect animals in their care from harm or abuse. Each time the industry is caught out they claim they will do better. All of the disasters have been foreseeable as the potential risks associated with shipping thousands of animals long distances to places that don't even pretend to have decent animal welfare standards are obvious. This industry has demonstrated that it puts dollars before decency. They are animal abusers and they should NOT be compensated. That is the risk associated with relying on an unethical business model.

Farmers who raise animals for this trade are also complicit. They cannot plead ignorance regarding the risks any more than the exporters or the government can. They may not directly abuse animals themselves, however they sustain an operation that has caused immense pain and suffering. Asking participants how their profits will be affected is nonsense. Neither the Australian Government, or the Department of Agriculture have made a case showing why taxpayer dollars should be used to compensate those who have contributed to animal suffering.

This industry should be closed down ASAP. The same should apply to the export of live cattle and other sentient animals. Live export is a dirty, nasty trade that should never have been allowed in the first place.