

Animals are still suffering and dying on live export ships and in foreign slaughterhouses. More than 200 million animals have been crammed onto filthy cargo ships over the last 30 years, and more than 2.5 million of them died on the journey, before the others had their throats slit in filthy markets abroad. Each one was an individual who experienced fear and pain.

Those who watched the Four Corners exposé a dozen years ago will never forget the horrific scenes of Australian cattle being subjected to appalling brutality in Indonesian slaughterhouses. We saw animals pulled down with ropes or stuffed into “restraint boxes” supplied by [REDACTED], then killed with seemingly blunt knives while fully conscious. One of the most telling scenes was of a steer named Tommy, who stood trembling in fear as he waited for the same fate he was watching other animals endure. Regular exposés have shown continuing abuse, including the release of footage in 2018 on 60 Minutes showing sheep panting and heat-stricken, lying in piles of their own faeces and the decaying bodies of their flockmates. Yet the torture continues, despite overwhelming public demands that the business be halted.

Both sheep and cattle are victims of this inhumane industry. It's well over time to ban live export of all animals for good.

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