

Nothing in this world asks to be born. **Consider yourself** born into the destiny of live export! You would hope that somewhere, people are going into bat for you and that future generations would be spared of such a horrific ordeal.

Whenever I'd overhear a tourist say "what is that terrible stench?" I would voluntarily answer "that is the smell of fear and death".

People who have made past decisions on this topic have had no right to have done so without either spending a journey at sea with the livestock or preferably in addition, to have stood shoulder to shoulder with them in the roadtrain through days of travel in extreme heat and excrement from the North.

Animal cruelty is never, ever acceptable.

Thanks to hidden footage, even the ill informed and deniers are now convinced what disgraceful behaviour it has been.

I urge you to swallow hard and watch some of the footage online - the very worst of it.

We all have empathy running through us - it's time to dig deep and do the right thing, so when you next look in the mirror you can say "I've done my best to not be part of the problem".

It matters not, about which individuals or businesses require time to prepare for the transition - We are talking about death and death on a huge scale year on year. These are sentient beings who think and feel.

There will be a time in the future where people will look back in disbelief at those who instigated the suffering, those that allowed it and those who did or said nothing.

I for one will hold my head high even when bowed down.

In hope and with empathy

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