

SUBMISSION

Thank you for the opportunity provided to contribute to the improvement of the implementation of live animal export legislation and regulations.

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Although I
I do wish to

offer my thoughts and observations, in the hope that my contribution in some small way, may assist in improvements being made to the live animal export process.

It has been evident that the problem within this process were the harsh conditions suffered by the animals onboard the vessels during heatwave weather conditions. Further to this, overcrowding seemed to contribute as much as the high temperatures.

I understand the purpose of the review is to assure government and the Australian public, that exporters meet our high animal welfare standards. With this priority being considered, open honest and transparent processes should be followed and communicated to demonstrate the government's commitment to upholding the high standards expected.

My submission to improvement includes.

1. Open communication and collaboration with live animals Australia with a view to demonstrate the department's commitment in ensuring animals are transported in accordance with agreed welfare standards. I see this as an opportunity for the department to engage live animals Australia in planning the transport voyage together with the Department of Agriculture, using agreed measures to maintain the health and wellbeing of the animals.
2. This joint collaboration could include re-consideration of the total numbers on board the vessel and agreement made on reducing the total number on board.
3. Reconfiguration of the animal holding pens onboard, to include a reduction in the number of animals being confined together in each pen. This would allow greater access to feed/ water and vet assistance.
4. The installation of cameras onboard the vessels that are able to video record and Live stream the animals in transit at sea. I would also recommend that these video recordings are made available to Live Animals Australia and the public to demonstrate an open, honest and transparent process by the department.
5. The installation of misting systems and or airconditioning units to lower and maintain the overall temperature to acceptable levels.

The nature of live animal transportation / Export / slaughter will always invoke high emotion, but the recent events have provided an opportunity for review of the overall process. It also provides an opportunity for the department to demonstrate open collaboration and a commitment to ensure improvements are made.

For your consideration and with Best Regards

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