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Dear Review Team,

Signed submission coversheet attached.

If the livestock export industry is permitted to continue, I would like to submit the following comments under the 'any related matter' of the TOR.

Any regulatory framework developed should be inclusive of the total livestock chain from the point of arrival at the export facility, to the death of Australian livestock in the receiving country. i.e, the process of unloading, transport, holding and slaughter in the receiving country should be included in the scope of any regulatory framework. Just considering the shipping process in isolation is insufficient because of the past documented cruel and inhumane treatment of Australian livestock after arrival in different countries. I think our community would want this facet of livestock export to be included in any framework. Of course, this would require negotiation with receiving countries for developing, implementing and auditing such a framework.

If it is not already a requirement, exporters should, as a condition of licence, be required to develop an Approved Arrangement, as currently do export abattoirs, documenting SOPs for all aspects of their livestock export operation, including such as carrying capacity per pens (this could be calculated on a total weight basis, or head per pen), water quality, supply and access, food supply, management of various stressors, animal care on board, corrective actions, record keeping, etc.

If not already available, legal sanctions should be developed and be seen to be enforced for failure to adhere to humane treatment of export livestock

I also recommend that a separate Approved Arrangement be required for the chain of events between unloading and slaughter. Hopefully the review could consider how such an AA for each market could be developed, administered, paid for, and audited. Without such an AA, future exposure of inhumane treatment of Australian livestock in receiving countries could again put the reputation and even existence of the whole industry at risk.

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment

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