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Dear Sir/Madam

My submission is as follows.

I strongly support recommendations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Draft Report, relating to the Regulation of farm animal welfare. I believe that animals should have welfare. I do not believe in animal rights. Having said that, we urgently need an independent animal welfare body to develop animal welfare standards that are based on current animal welfare science and community expectations.

The independent body should also be responsible for overseeing the effectiveness of live export regulation and animal welfare enforcement at a state level. We urgently need to end live export or absolutely guarantee the WELFARE of live exported animals. However I realise that it is going to be very difficult to ensure the welfare of animals exported to many countries to the end source of butchery. The animals need a safe resting environment before they are slaughtered in a decent way. i e standards of welfare set.

This is not possible in many countries where animal welfare is not protected. People welfare also is not protected in many countries.

Greater resources must be dedicated to animal welfare policy and enforcement at federal and state levels.

These reforms will improve community and consumer confidence in Australian livestock industries and export and the government's commitment to animal welfare.

Please show that this is important to our government.

It is important to many people.

Thank you again for standing up for animals.

Yours faithfully

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