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Productivity Commission
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Dear Sir/Madam,

- After reading the draft report, I strongly support recommendations 5.1 and 5.2 of the relating to the Regulation of farm animal welfare.
- An independent animal welfare body is urgently needed to develop animal welfare standards that are based on current animal welfare science and community expectations. I would support some government and industry representation provided it was stacked in their favour.
- The independent body should also be responsible for overseeing the effectiveness of live export regulation and animal welfare enforcement at a state level. The current live export industry has unacceptable practices. From time to time we here of shocking acts of cruelty and then after a few days is brushed aside.
- It is not much point having these laws in place if there are no resources to enforce them.

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

Yours Sincerely

Janine Musgrove