



Should **CRUELTY** be one of

## Australia's Top Exports?

In 2006, undercover investigations have unveiled extreme cruelty toward Australian animals in Egypt, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman and Qatar. These are countries with no animal welfare regulations, resulting in **barbaric slaughter** and **extreme suffering** that would be illegal if committed in our country. Yet, Australia has been exporting live animals to these countries **for 30 years...**



▲ **Oman - row of trussed Australian sheep awaiting their fate on the blood drain**

Animals in the live export trade suffer greatly through prolonged intense confinement, rough handling resulting in injuries and broken bones, malnourishment, overcrowding and prolonged exposure to extreme temperatures during transport and holding. **Many animals die** during the torturous overseas voyages. Those who survive are met with an even worse fate.

On many occasions sheep are onsold to individuals and have their legs bound tightly before being crammed into boots of cars — in climates that regularly reach 45 degrees in summer. In slaughterhouses, terrified animals have their throats slit in **full view of each other**, while **fully conscious**. Their death is traumatic, painful, and slow.

The live export industry claims credit for improvements in animal welfare standards in certain abattoirs that receive Australian animals. In Egypt's Bassatin slaughterhouse (a 'preferred' destination hailed as a model of 'high welfare standards'), investigators recently filmed cows being **stabbed in the eye** and having leg **tendons slashed** in order to subdue them before their throats were slit while fully conscious.

In February 2006, *60 minutes* aired shocking footage from the Egyptian undercover investigation, but maintained that much of the remaining evidence was 'too distressing' to air on TV.

**Some things are just wrong — and no amount of profit makes them right.**

In response to the outcry generated by this broadcast, the Australian Government immediately enforced a temporary suspension on live exports to Egypt. **This is not enough.** The government must enforce an outright ban on live exports to Egypt and all other nations, or continue to condemn Australian animals to a gruesome fate that would be **illegal in our own country**. Millions of animals desperately need your help to convince our government that compassionate Australians will no longer support this **extreme violence** and animal cruelty.

Please contact your local MP, and our federal politicians and urge them to support the move to replace the cruel live export trade with more **humane chilled halal meat exports**:

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