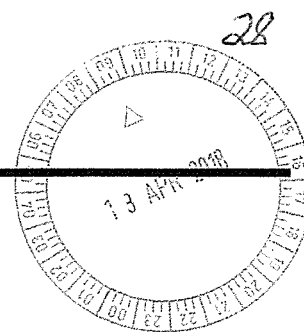


Legislation Committee



From:
Sent: Tuesday, 17 April 2018 7:40 PM
To: Legislation Committee
Subject: Animal Welfare Amendment Bill 2017

Dear Ministers,

Once again, the live animal export industry is in the media for disgusting acts of animal cruelty. As a member of your area and a proud Australian citizen, I am horrified by the latest report by 60 minutes.

These are Australian animals that are suffering in this trade and for very little input into the Australian economy. Australian farmers would be disgusted to see the treatment of animals raised humanely and following the legislation and regulatory protection provided by Australian law.

A move to Australian processing plants and a meat trade seems the only humane option for an industry that has again and again been a national disgrace. This will not only secure protection for these poor animals but could also support Australian farmers and jobs.

In the meantime I request you support these amendments:

1. Amendment to allow inspectors to conduct unannounced visits to farms, breeding facilities and live export ships. Currently an Inspector is prohibited from entering without having received a complaint and obtaining a warrant for entry. As you know what happens in these places is well hidden and it is highly unlikely a complaint would be laid. This has the capacity to help millions of WA animals and after watching the 60 minutes Live Export program I believe this is absolutely necessary.

2. Adoption of the Land Transport Standard and Guidelines (LTS). Animals and our agriculture industry must be protected by regulation. Animals in WA are often transported over large distances and water and rest must be legislated. Please stay strong in standing up for Australians, Australian animals and farmers.

Sincerely,

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