



VALE monitors reports on live export issues and provides critical commentary both through media releases and website posts.

VALE regularly raises concerns regarding regulatory failures with the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture (DoA).

DoA, which also has the function of promoting the live export industry, is failing in its duty to protect animals in this trade.



Through VALE, the veterinary profession can advocate for the transition from live export and for welfare improvements whilst it continues.

VALE's membership is increasing steadily and every new member strengthens VALE's opposition to the live export trade.

By joining VALE you will increase our capacity to influence change. If you are a veterinarian, veterinary nurse or veterinary student, visit our website and get involved.

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The inevitable cruelty associated with the export of live animals for slaughter makes this trade unacceptable.

It must STOP.



VALE PROVIDES INDEPENDENT VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE TO THE LIVE EXPORT DEBATE

VALE was established to provide an objective scientific view of animal welfare issues in the live export trade.

VALE membership includes veterinarians and other animal health professionals from all disciplines including livestock production, animal behaviour and welfare.

LIVE EXPORT SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED BECAUSE ...

- There are serious welfare issues during sea voyages, including starvation, heat stress, risk of traumatic injury, infectious diseases and death.
- There is no independent monitoring of animal welfare on sea voyages – onboard veterinarians and stockpersons are employed by the exporter.
- It is impossible to guarantee acceptable handling and slaughter of exported animals in overseas markets.



The live export trade is unique in that it specifically allows an acceptable level of mortality. In domestic animal welfare law, cruelty to even one animal is an offence.

Voyage mortality is the only measure of animal welfare used by industry and government. This ignores the suffering which is the unavoidable consequence of exporting many thousands of animals in cramped conditions on voyages which may last several weeks. Animals can be subjected to high temperatures, humidity, poor ventilation and high ammonia concentrations.

