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Senator Joe Ludwig
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Re: Slaughterhouses in Indonesia that kill Australian cattle

I note that you have listed 12 locations of Indonesian slaughterhouses in the Export Control Orders published today. I also note that this reflects, word-for-word the list of locations provided in the RSPCA Australia report *The Slaughter of Cattle in Indonesia: an observational study*, but does not include all the facilities that we suggested in my letter of 2 June 2011. However, I understand that this list will be added to as evidence of cruelty is received.

In my letter I mentioned that the list should include the 10 slaughterhouses covered in Table 1 of the RSPCA report. Table 1 also listed two other slaughterhouses in the locations of Mataram (on Lombok) and Taliwang (on Sumbawa) that were not part of the Animals Australia investigation. The methods section of the report explains that these locations were included to allow the comparison of the slaughter of Australian cattle with traditional rope casting of local Indonesian cattle. These slaughterhouses do not slaughter Australian cattle, indeed it is doubtful whether Australian cattle are exported to either of these islands (something the industry should be able to confirm), so it is somewhat perplexing as to why they are included on the list. All I can assume is that no-one in the Department read the report properly.

However, there are three further abattoirs slaughtering Australian cattle that should be listed in the Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Protection of Animal Welfare) Order 2011 .

I stated in my letter yesterday that major welfare concerns were noted at RPH Pulogadung in Jakarta which was visited by the Animals Australia investigators but due to insufficient footage was not covered in the report. There is sufficient vision to determine that similar brutal practices occur at this facility.

I have also now been provided with the names of two other slaughterhouses that were visited by the MLA/Livecorp commissioned 'expert team' and that were marked as having 'poor welfare' by this team. They are Zainuddin and Surbi in Bandar Lampung.

Four Corners filmed at Zainuddin: the animals smashed their heads on the concrete and took many minutes to die after the cut, there was no checking of the corneal reflex and the owner said on camera it was ok to cut into the wound again before death. The animals vocalized and were panicking in the box. All of this was in the Four Corners program.

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It is clear from our discussions with the Four Corners team, and with Animals Australia that there has been no attempt by anyone at the Department to contact them to confirm the exact locations that they visited and what was observed. I sincerely hope that they do this soon. I would also hope that the Department is now in possession of the full list of locations visited by the team, commissioned by MLA/LiveCorp, the locations where Mark 1 boxes are installed, and all known locations that slaughter Australian cattle.

As we indicated to the Department during our meeting on Tuesday, we are very willing to assist in providing any information we can to ensure that this list is reflective of all slaughterhouses that do not meet acceptable standards.

Yours sincerely



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