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Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2014

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by the authority of Senator Rhiannon)

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OUTLINE

The Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2014 amends the *Export Control Act 1982* to end the export of live animals for slaughter.

The Bill contains provisions that will make it unlawful to export from Australia live-stock for slaughter.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 – Short Title

1. This is a formal provision specifying the short title of the Bill.

Clause 2 – Commencement

2. This provides for the commencement of the Act. It provides that the substantive provisions of the Act will commence the day after the Act receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3 – Schedule(s)

3. This clause provides that an Act that is specified in a Schedule is amended or repealed as set out in that Schedule, and any other item in a Schedule operates according to its terms.

Schedule 1 – Item 1

4. This item inserts a new section 7AA which provides in subsection (1) definitions of live-stock and live-stock for slaughter to limit the application of the section to live-stock, as defined in section 3 of the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997* as cattle, calves, sheep, lambs, goats or other prescribed animals, that is intended to be exported and slaughtered overseas.

5. Subsection (2) provides that the regulations are taken to have declared live-stock for slaughter as prescribed goods under the Export Control Act. Subsection (3) provides that the regulations are taken to have prohibited absolutely the export of live-stock for slaughter.

Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011

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This Bill is compatible with the human rights and freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*.

Overview of the Bill

The Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill amends the *Export Control Act 1982* to prohibit the export of cattle, calves, sheep, lambs, goats or other prescribed animals for slaughter overseas.

Human rights implications

This Bill does not engage any of the applicable rights or freedoms. Animals are sentient beings but as yet do not enjoy rights comparable to human rights. This Bill fulfils humanity's responsibility to protect and defend the rights of animals to live a life free of cruelty and suffering.

Conclusion

This Bill is compatible with human rights as it does not raise any human rights issues.

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