

LIVE ANIMAL TRADE

Petition

MR J.M. FRANCIS (Jandakot) [9.03 am]: I present a petition containing 422 signatures that is certified as complying with the standing orders. It reads as follows —

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned residents of Western Australia, together with members of the People Against Cruelty in Animal Transport, request the Legislative Assembly investigate the live animal trade for the following reasons:

- Annually more than three million animals exported from Fremantle and other WA ports die or suffer traumatically during transport to the Middle East and other destinations.
- Regulations covering road transportation and loading are not being adequately policed.
- The live animal trade is undermining the local processed meat trade, which creates jobs and is more lucrative.

We thus ask that the Legislative Assembly instigate an investigation into the live animal trade with a view to recommending a time frame for it to be permanently replaced with the export of chilled or frozen carcasses.

[See petition 308.]