

I am too late to lodge a formal submission on the matter of the road transport of livestock, but I would like to highlight just one point in respect of the inhumane manner in which livestock is transported by road, that seems to have been overlooked.

Today's transport vehicles have vertical engine exhaust pipes, and these discharge huge amounts of toxic gases which include sulphur dioxide and carbon monoxide, both of which are considered deadly poison to animals and humans.

In addition to this toxicity, the exhausted gasses are of a high temperature, contributing to the already significant dehydration (caused by the high airflow due to the speed of the vehicle) of the transported animals.

The requirement to discharge the exhaust gasses vertically, is clearly at odds with the humane transport of livestock.

I support the statements that have already been expressed in respect of the need to water travelling livestock, feed the animals and rest them.

I would be pleased to contribute or participate further in this matter.

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