

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

**NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA**

DATE: FRIDAY 18 JANUARY 2013

ATTENTION: Chiefs of Staff, News Directors

---



## **Free public Q and A: Live Export and The Law**

The UTAS Faculty of Law is holding a free public Q and A on the legal and scientific issues raised by live animal export this weekend (**Saturday 19 January 2013**).

The event is part of the UTAS Animal Law Conference 2013.

Chief Executive Officer of Voiceless, Dana Campbell, will be chairing the Q and A, which will feature presentations by Dr Malcolm Caulfield (Principal Lawyer, Animal Welfare Community Legal Centre) and Professor Clive Phillips, University of Queensland (Voiceless Eureka Prize Winner, 2012).

Dr Caulfield is a national animal law expert having formerly occupied the position of Legal Counsel for Animals Australia and currently acting as Principal Lawyer for the Animal Welfare Community Legal Centre. He is the author of the first textbook on animal law in Australia and has published various book chapters and essays on the subject.

Dr Caulfield will be discussing the effectiveness of the legal framework governing animal welfare in the live export process.

He will argue that the treatment of animals during live export voyages would be unacceptable under domestic animal welfare law, and therefore should not be permitted.

He will discuss the various animal welfare issues associated with the live export of animals, such as heat stress, trauma and overcrowding on board.

Dr Caulfield will also be advocating for the introduction of an independent regulator.

Prof Phillips is the inaugural holder of the University of Queensland Chair in Animal Welfare. He is involved in research on animal welfare and ethics and the development and implementation of State and Federal government animal welfare policies.

He will be discussing the need for increased publication of scientific research on live export animal welfare issues – especially where research has been undertaken, but not made publicly available.

Although this is a free public event, any donations received will be given to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary to assist with the rescue and rehabilitation of animals affected by the bushfires.

**Who:** Dr Malcolm Caulfield and Professor Clive Phillips, members of the public

**What:** Live expert Q and A event

**When:** Saturday 19 January 2013. Please arrive at the Law School from 2.40pm, for a 3pm start. The event will conclude at 4.30pm and be followed by a complimentary afternoon tea

**Where:** UTAS Faculty of Law, Sandy Bay Campus, Churchill Avenue; campus maps here: <http://www.utas.edu.au/campuses/campus-maps>

**Please RSVP** to [Animal.LawConference@utas.edu.au](mailto:Animal.LawConference@utas.edu.au) for catering purposes

For more information about the UTAS Animal Law Conference, visit <http://www.utas.edu.au/law/utas-animal-law-conference>

**Information Released by:**

The UTAS Communications and Media Office

Phone: (03) 6226 2691 or 0447 537 375

Email: [Media.Office@utas.edu.au](mailto:Media.Office@utas.edu.au)