Live Cattle Export Ban from Australia to Indonesia: how does technology impact on law and religion?

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In 2011, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation’s Four Corners program showed footage of Australian cattle being slaughtered at 11 abattoirs in Indonesia with practices that allegedly infringed upon the standards for animal welfare. There were some attacks from the Australian public on both regulation and Islamic law in Indonesia on how they treated the animal. Under pressure, the Australian government banned live cattle export to Indonesia. But the Australian live cattle industry suffered economically due to the ban, which was subsequently lifted by the Australian government. My paper will examine how the use of technology –TV footage, mechanical slaughter and stunning procedure—has impacted on the way we understand law and religion in both countries.