


## Animal Justice Party, South Australia

# Press Release

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## Animal Justice Party SA calls on both major parties to act following Victoria animal welfare outrage

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Animal Justice Party SA echoed the horror of the public at footage of chickens entering scalding tanks while still alive in Victoria.

“We support the call of the RSPCA for cameras in all slaughterhouses. We need to monitor all stages of the killing process”, said AJP SA convenor Geoff Russell.

He went on: “It’s obvious that Agriculture Victoria has failed the chickens. The authorities can’t be trusted to enforce regulations.” Chickens should be stunned prior to their throat being cut. They should be dead by the time they reach the scalding tank to loosen the feathers. In the Victorian case this clearly did not happen. The killing chain should have been immediately stopped, but wasn't.

"With an election coming up in March, this is an excellent opportunity for major parties in SA to commit to an important safeguard against cruelty," said Mr Russell. "Both parties have a woeful record on animal welfare. Installing cameras in slaughterhouses to deter gross abuses is an initiative that has the support of the RSPCA and would be welcomed by the general public."

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