



# SNAPSHOT

## Development of reporting tools for the Australian Livestock Processing Industry Animal Welfare Certification System

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### **Project Description**

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### **Project Content**

The Australian Meat Industry Council (AMIC) through the Australian Meat Processing Corporation (AMPC) has developed an industry best practice standard to address animal welfare compliance. This project is designed to establish a single standard, verification and reporting process to address regulatory and quasi-regulatory requirements and audit duplication. It aims to deliver reporting tools at an establishment and industry level to facilitate government recognition of the AAWCS.

### **Project Outcome**

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are used to measure the result of a system relative to the aim; or to measure the 'success' of a system. The use of KPIs allows more flexibility in the method of delivering an acceptable welfare outcome and avoids the use of overly prescriptive requirements. It was clear from the analysis of the industry survey data that there was variation between application, measurement and recording of KPIs, between establishments; and between industry and the certification body. It was therefore recommended that in-plant monitoring activities be revised to take into account latest scientific research and recommendations, before being incorporated into an establishment or industry level reporting framework.

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**Benefit for Industry**

The Federal Government has accepted the Industry standard and the associated verification process (on-plant verification and external auditing) via the Australian Livestock Processing Industry Animal Welfare Certification Scheme (AAWCS) as meeting their regulatory compliance, providing that relevant monitoring and audit information is shared. The adoption of the recommendations in the report is likely to reduce the compliance burden and introduce consistency into industry and audit practice.

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