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MEDIA STATEMENT
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An end to jumps racing at Morphettville? *RSPCA South Australia welcomes SAJC statements*

The following statement is attributable to Mr Tim Vasudeva, Chief Executive Officer of RSPCA South Australia:

“RSPCA South Australia welcomes the public statements made by the South Australian Jockey Club relating to the future of jumps racing at Morphettville racecourse.

“In recent days, management and the board of the SAJC have signalled they would like to stop running jumps races at the Adelaide track following the Irish raceday on August 30.

“RSPCA South Australia has long opposed jumps racing. We believe the so-called ‘sport’ should be banned on animal welfare grounds.

“We believe people have become sick and tired of watching horses fall, become injured or die needlessly as a result of jumps racing events.

“The statements made by the SAJC are further proof industry support for this outdated and inhumane form of horse racing continues to wane.

“Leadership within the club have acknowledged jumps events are having a detrimental impact on their business and are hurting their brand.

“If the largest jockey club in South Australia can’t financially make jumps racing work, who can?

“In early August key decision makers associated with the South Australian horse racing industry received a copy of The Illogical Races campaign petition, organised by RSPCA South Australia, which featured the signatures of more than 9,000 people who wanted to see the end of jumps racing at the Oakbank Easter Carnival.

“This petition was sent to the SAJC, Thoroughbred Racing SA and the Oakbank Racing

Club.

“We hope the SAJC’s decision is followed through with actions. We hope other South Australian racing clubs follow their lead, put the welfare of horses first and band together to end jumps racing in the state.

“South Australia and Victoria remain the only two Australian states or territories to hold jumps races. It’s time we got with the times.”

You can join the movement against jumps racing. Get informed and take action by visiting RSPCA South Australia’s website - <http://www.rspcasa.org.au/how-to-help/supportourcampaigns/jumpsracing/>

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