

5 more Victorian piggeries exposed by animal activists

- **Footage from five more Victorian piggeries has been released by animal protection organisation Farm Transparency Project.**
- **The footage was taken by unknown investigators who filmed inside 20 piggeries across the weekend of the 18th & 19th January, before anonymously providing video and photos to Farm Transparency Project.**
- **The latest footage to be released is from piggeries in Leitchville, Bagshot North, St Arnaud and Tragowel.**

Animal protection organisation Farm Transparency has published footage from five more Victorian pig slaughterhouses, bringing the total up to 15 facilities exposed since the 21st January.



The latest piggeries to be exposed by the group are Hancock Piggery and Macorna Piggery in Leitchville, AJ & NM Carr in Bagshot North, Rivalea's St Arnaud Piggery and Wondaphil Piggery in Tragowel. The footage shows high numbers of stillborn, dead and dying piglets in farrowing crates and piles of dead piglets showing evidence of predation. Investigators also filmed group housing pens holding sows and 'grower pigs' which showed animals living in their own waste in dirty, concrete pens.

Like footage published last week, the recent videos were filmed during a mass investigation of Victorian piggeries undertaken by anonymous investigators in January. Over two nights, dozens of animal activists filmed inside 20 pig farms, capturing evidence of intense suffering and filthy conditions.

Executive Director of Farm Transparency Project, Chris Delforce, says that the Australian pig meat industry is 'entirely irredeemable,' and the government must support farmers to rapidly transition away from a business that is out of sync with Australian values.

"What we see in the footage we've published today is the reality inside every farm that raises pigs for slaughter. These animals, known to have the same level of intelligence as a three-year old child, are crammed together in rat infested sheds, living and sleeping in their own waste or else confined to tiny cages with barely enough room to lie down. Mother pigs spend hours or days surrounded by the bodies of their dead and dying piglets, unable to reach them or even to prevent themselves from crushing their tiny bodies."

"The reality is, the Australian pig farming contributes 0.029% of Australia's total employment in 2023-2024 and only 2% of Victoria's total value of agricultural production. Yet somehow, the Australian pig industry, led by lobby groups such as Australian Pork Limited, have tricked our government into believing that what they do is essential. For over 10 years, the pig industry has been shown to be one of the largest and most horrific causes of animal suffering in Australia. The time for small improvements has long since past. It needs to be shut down, and it needs to be shut down now."

Delforce says that his organisation is currently reviewing the footage from the remaining 5 places and will be releasing footage from each of them in the coming weeks. Farm Transparency Project has reported all 15 facilities published to Agriculture Victoria for suspected breaches of animal welfare laws, which Delforce describes as 'woefully inadequate.'

View the footage and photos: www.farmtransparency.org/campaigns/victorian-piggeries-2025