

# Political Party Return

1 July 2016 – 31 December 2016

## Completing this Return

- This return must be completed by the party agent.
- Part 1 of this return must be completed.
- If the party received any amount of more than \$5091, then Part 2 of this return must be completed.
- If the party has any outstanding debts of more than \$5091, then Part 3 of this return must be completed.
- This return will be available for public inspection 3 business days after 31 January 2017.

### Name of Party

ANIMAL JUSTICE PARTY

### Name of Agent

GEOFFREY JOHN RUSSELL

### Agent's Declaration

I certify that the information contained in this return is complete to the best of my knowledge and belief; and  
I understand that providing false or misleading information is an offence (Section 130ZZE(3)).

OR

I certify that the information contained in this return is incomplete by reason of my inability to obtain certain particulars; and  
I have attached a 'Notice of Inability to Complete a Return'; and  
I understand that providing false or misleading information is an offence (Section 130ZZE(3)).

### Agent's Signature

Geoff Russell

Date

30/1/2017

### Enquiries and lodgements to:

Funding & Disclosure Branch  
Electoral Commission South Australia  
GPO Box 646  
Adelaide SA 5001

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**PART 1**

**Section 1A: Total Receipts**

The total amount received by, or on behalf of, the party since the last political party return was furnished or, if no previous political party return has been furnished, since Part 13A of the *Electoral Act 1985* first applied to the party.

\$1,057

Did the party receive any amounts of more than \$5091? Yes  Complete Part 2 No

**Section 1B: Total Debts as at 31 December 2016**

The total outstanding amount, as at the end of the period to which this return relates, of all debts incurred by, or on behalf of, the party.

\$0

Does the party owe any debts of more than \$5091? Yes  Complete Part 3 No

## Application for Waiver of Audit Certificate

- This form is to be used by a person who is required to furnish a return under Part 13A of the *Electoral Act 1985* (e.g. an agent, financial controller of an associated entity etc.).
- All returns are required to be accompanied by an Audit Certificate pursuant to section 130ZV(1) of the *Electoral Act 1985*.
- However, a person may apply to the Electoral Commissioner to waive compliance with the requirement to provide an Audit Certificate in the following situations:
  - for nil returns; or
  - if the cost of compliance with the requirement would be unreasonable.
- A 'nil return' is a return where you have no reportable details to include.
- This form is to be lodged together with the relevant return, in lieu of an Audit Certificate.

Lodging Entity

ANIMAL JUSTICE PARTY

Lodgement Type

POLITICAL PARTY RETURN

Lodgement Period

1 July 2016 - 31 December 2016

I declare that:

- I am required to furnish the abovementioned return to Electoral Commissioner; and
- I am applying for a waiver of the requirement to provide an Audit Certificate with the return for the following reason:

the return is a nil return.

OR

the costs of compliance with the requirement would be unreasonable (please provide details):

I acknowledge that knowingly providing false or misleading information in a material particular is an offence (section 130ZZE(3)).

Signature

Geoff Russell

Date

30/1/2017

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To: **David Gully**  
Acting Electoral Commissioner

From: **Carol Vu**  
Manager, Compliance Services

Re: **Application for waiver of Audit Certificate – Animal Justice Party**

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**BACKGROUND**

Registered political parties are required to lodge returns every 6 months. To be a complete return it must be accompanied by an Audit Certificate.

Section 130ZV(4) provides that the Electoral Commissioner may waiver compliance with the requirement to provide an audit certificate if

- (a) in the case of a return, it is a nil return
- (b) in any case if the Electoral Commissioner considers the cost of compliance with the requirement would be unreasonable.

**DISCUSSION**

The party agent for the Animal Justice Party has lodged an Application for Waiver of Audit Certificate for the return for the period 1 July 2016 – 31 December 2016, on the grounds that the costs of compliance would be unreasonable. Given that the party’s income for the period was \$1,057, the costs of a registered company auditor would be an unreasonable cost of compliance.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That you approve the application by the Animal Justice Party for a waiver of the obligation to lodge an audit certificate.

Approved / Not Approved

**Carol Vu**  
Manager, Compliance Services

2/2/17

**David Gully**  
Acting Electoral Commissioner

2/2/17