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Financed for illegal waste disposal in conservation park

A horse trainer has been fined a total of \$3,600 for the illegal disposal of horse carcasses that were discovered in a secluded part of the Mount Magnificent Conservation Park, in April last year.

Trevor Lionel Day, 47 years of Yundi, last month pleaded guilty in the Environment, Resources and Development Court to the charges that took place between 2013 and 2015, about 60 kilometres south of Adelaide, near Mount Compass.

He admitted to three counts of unlawful disposal of waste after being charged by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for the illegal disposal of horse carcasses.

In court today, Judge Jack Costello also ordered Mr Day to pay \$2,827 for the EPA clean-up costs, in addition to a Victims of Crime Levy of \$160.

In his sentencing remarks the judge said the penalty was important to reflect a personal and general deterrence and acknowledged that offences of this nature are often difficult to detect and police.

Penalties for illegal dumping by an individual can range up to a maximum of \$120,000 or 2 years' imprisonment.

Last year, Thoroughbred Racing SA conducted a separate inquiry into the matter and in May suspended Mr Day's licence as a horse trainer for 27 months and fined him \$2,500 for breach of conduct under the Australian Rules of Racing.

An investigation found no evidence of ill treatment of the horses.

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