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EPA investigates horse remains in a Conservation Park

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is investigating the remains of 12 dead horses found illegally dumped at Mt Magnificent Conservation Park, near Mt Compass, about 60 kilometres south of Adelaide.

The discovery was made by a member of the public and reported to the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) which notified the EPA.

EPA Manager Investigations and Tactical Support, Stephen Barry, said the EPA is now working with DEWNR and Thoroughbred Racing SA to identify those responsible for the illegal disposal.

The RSPCA and SAPOL have been advised.

“It appears that these animals were disposed at this location over a period of time, prior to their recent discovery,” Mr Barry said.

“The more recent disposal of carcasses was two adult horses.”

The area where the horses were found has been examined by an EPA investigations team and evidence was gathered from the site.

It is anticipated that more evidence may be found during the clean-up which will occur in the next few days.

At this stage of the investigation it is still unclear as to how and where the horses died.

The EPA has jurisdiction to prosecute for illegal dumping with penalties ranging from a maximum \$250,000 for a corporation or a \$120,000 fine and two years' imprisonment for individuals.

Anyone with information that may assist in this investigation, is encouraged to contact the EPA on **(08) 8204 2004** or **1800 623 445**, or police Crimestoppers on **1800 333 000**.

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