

Thursday 20th November, 2014

WALLY'S PIGGERY

RSPCA NSW is disappointed at having to make a very difficult decision on 17 November, 2014 to withdraw its prosecution against WSL Investments Pty Ltd, Wally Perenc and Stephanie Perenc (commonly referred to as Wally's Piggery).

The RSPCA NSW investigation of this matter arose as a result of footage that has been widely circulated on the internet. We are disappointed that this footage was not lawfully substantiated by Aussie Pigs and/or Animal Liberation, who initially released the footage to the media instead of giving it directly to one of the enforcement agencies. Those responsible for capturing the images subsequently would not provide a statement to RSPCA NSW so none of the evidence released by them could be used in the prosecution.

There appears to be a common misconception that the case at Yass Local Court relates to the widely circulated footage. This is not correct. The RSPCA NSW's case in this matter sought to rely on its Inspectors observations and those of other agencies and an expert when they attended in early August 2012 and not the widely distributed video footage.

The decision taken by the RSPCA NSW on the 17th November 2014 was made in accordance with its duties as a prosecutor and after consultation with independent Counsel appearing for the RSPCA NSW

This is a disappointing result all round given the extensive efforts of the RSPCA to bring this matter before the Court.

RSPCA NSW implores any person who witnesses or obtains evidence of animal cruelty to report it to the relevant authority immediately.

