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CROWN SOLICITORS

Dear Crown Solicitors

Dispensation for RNZSPCA prosecutions
Our Ref: CLO311/308

Pursuant to clause 16.4 in your Terms of Office, I hereby grant dispensation to all Crown Solicitors and their staff and panel members, to act for the Royal New Zealand Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RNZSPCA) or any of its centres trading as The SPCA , in private prosecutions.

This dispensation is granted for the avoidance of doubt and to the extent prosecutions filed by RNZSPCA are private prosecutions in the first place. It is not a reflection of Crown Law's view as to whether RNZSPCA prosecutions are private or public which, as we understand, is subject to current discussions between the relevant agencies.

Yours sincerely
Crown Law



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cc: RNZSPCA Legal, Brett Lahman (by email)