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### **HRV RAD Board – Jennifer Douglas**

On 17 April 2019, the Harness Racing Victoria (HRV) Racing Appeals and Disciplinary (RAD) Board considered a charge issued against licensed trainer Jennifer Douglas under Australian Harness Racing Rules (AHRR) 193(1) relating to a HRV Stewards raceday inspection of her stable on 27 March 2019.

Charge 1, under AHRR 193(1) which states:

*A person shall not attempt to stomach tube or stomach tube a horse nominated for a race or event within 48 hours of the commencement of the race or event.*

The particulars of this charge were that on 27 March 2019, Ms Douglas attempted to stomach tube the horse 'Hanging On A Dream' which was engaged to race at the Bendigo harness racing meeting that evening.

Ms Douglas was represented at the hearing by Mr Graham Gibson. Ms Douglas pleaded guilty to the charge prior to the HRV RAD Board hearing submissions on penalty from the HRV Stewards and Mr Gibson.

### **Penalty**

In determining penalty the HRV RAD Board considered Ms Douglas' early guilty plea; her good record; her contribution to the industry; her remorse and personal circumstances. Also considered was the need for specific and general deterrence; penalties in similar matters; the purpose of the rules in ensuring that there is a level playing field; and maintaining the integrity of the industry.

After taking these factors into account, the HRV RAD Board issued a nine month disqualification to commence midnight 17 April 2019.

*HRV RAD Board Panel: Robert Abrahams (Deputy Chair) and Rod Osborne.*

The Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board (RADB) is established under section 50B of the Racing Act (1958). The RADB is an independent Board established to hear and determine appeals in relation to decisions made under the rules to impose penalties on persons and to hear and determine charges made against persons for serious offences.