

# Media Release

## Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

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13 September 2018

### **HRV RAD Board Hearing – Trish McVeigh**

On 13 September 2018, the Harness Racing Victoria (HRV) Racing Appeals and Disciplinary (RAD) Board considered a charge issued by HRV Stewards under Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 190(1) against licensed trainer Trish McVeigh.

AHRR 190(1) reads as follows:

*A horse shall be presented for a race free of prohibited substances.*

The charge under AHRR 190(1) related to a urine sample collected from the horse 'Angus Bromac NZ' after it finished first in Race 3, the 'Ron & Lorraine Emerson Pace', at the Maryborough harness racing meeting on 30 April 2018. Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) reported the analysis of that urine sample revealed arsenic in excess of the allowable threshold. This analysis was confirmed by the Racing Science Centre (RSC) in Brisbane.

Ms McVeigh was also charged with a breach of AHRR 190B(1) being that she failed to keep and maintain a log book as required.

Ms McVeigh pleaded guilty to both charges before submissions on penalty were heard from the HRV Stewards and Ms McVeigh.

In deciding an appropriate penalty, the HRV RAD Board considered the seriousness of charges relating to prohibited substances along with the principles of specific and general deterrence in addition to Ms McVeigh's early guilty plea and cooperation; a previous relevant prohibited substance offence; the possibility of inadvertent administration and the steps taken to prevent a recurrence.

Ms McVeigh was subsequently fined \$3000, of which \$500 was suspended for a period of 12 months.

A fine of \$250 was issued for failing to keep and maintain a log book.

The HRV RAD Board also ordered, under AHRR 195, that 'Angus Bromac NZ' be disqualified from Race 3 at Maryborough on 30 April 2018 and that the placings be amended accordingly.

*HRV RAD Board Panel: Alanna Duffy (Chair), Dr Hugh Millar*