

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards' Report – Norm Hilton - CARRANGALL

Date – 28 January 2017

Panel – R Hitchener, G Dimsey

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into the circumstances surrounding the analysts' findings in respect to a post-race urine sample taken from CARRANGALL following its 2<sup>nd</sup> placing in the Class 2 Handicap 1200m at Doomben on 21 September 2016.

The Queensland Government Racing Science Centre reported that 4-HYDROXY XYLAZINE was detected in the sample and confirmatory analysis conducted on the reserve portion of the sample confirmed the finding.

Today evidence was provided by the trainer of CARRANGALL, Mr N. Hilton.

After giving due consideration to the evidence provided at the inquiry, Mr Hilton was charged pursuant to AR 178 which reads:

*“Subject to AR. 178G, when any horse that has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of engaging in a race and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalized”.*

The particulars of the charge being that Mr Hilton presented CARRANGALL to race at Doomben on 21 September 2016, when a post-race urine sample taken from that horse was found upon analysis to contain 4-HYDROXY XYLAZINE.

Mr Hilton pleaded guilty to the charge.

When assessing the matter of penalty, Stewards took into account Mr Hilton's previous good record in relation to this rule, his forthright evidence and co-operation with the inquiry and also relevant penalty precedents.

Mr Hilton was fined \$3000.

Stewards further directed under AR.177 that CARRANGALL be disqualified from its 2nd placing at Doomben on 21 September 2016 and the placings were amended as follows:

### Doomben - Class 2 Handicap 1200m - 21 September 2016

1 <sup>st</sup>	NILETTE
2 <sup>nd</sup>	OTTO FROM HAMBURG
3 <sup>rd</sup>	SUITE MOVER
4 <sup>th</sup>	OCEANTES
5 <sup>th</sup>	GIULIANI

Mr Hilton was advised of his review rights.