

Media release

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QRIC Integrity chief removed from his role

The head of the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Integrity Regulation Unit Norm Torpey has been reassigned from his role after an independent investigation into a complaint of misconduct.

As an interim measure, experienced former Queensland Police Service detective Joshua Elliott will manage the QRIC integrity unit.

QRIC Commissioner Ross Barnett made the decision to remove Mr Torpey as head of the integrity unit after an independent investigation found he had not properly investigated a matter reported by a participant.

“A complaint was received from a member of the public about a matter that occurred before the Commission commenced in July last year,” Mr Barnett said.

“Effective today, Mr Torpey has been permanently reassigned from his role as head of the Integrity Regulation Unit to a position as Senior Stipendiary Steward in harness racing.

“Mr Torpey was temporarily reassigned in March this year, while the investigation took place.

“The integrity of the QRIC is of the utmost importance and complaints or issues that arise involving our staff are taken very seriously and fully investigated.

“People who provide us with information should be assured those matters will be properly investigated,” Mr Barnett said.

The QRIC integrity unit can be contacted at complaints@qric.qld.gov.au

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