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QRIC Internal Reviewer appointed

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commissioner Ross Barnett has officially appointed Kane Ashby as QRIC Internal Reviewer.

Mr Ashby has been acting in the role since the Commission commenced in July last year, prior to his official appointment to the position.

Commissioner Barnett said the independent role of Internal Reviewer was integral to the integrity of the Commission's decision making process.

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Ashby who's role oversees QRIC Stewards' race day decisions, inquiries conducted into prohibited substances and decisions to suspend or refuse licenses. It is a right of all racing industry participants to request an internal review on penalty or decision following a Stewards inquiry," Mr Barnett said.

"Since the QRIC commenced in July last year Mr Ashby has finalised 86 Internal Reviews and altered the outcome on penalty or decision on 26 Internal Reviews. Overall there have been 794 thoroughbred and 227 harness racing stewarding decisions eligible for Internal Review."

Internal Reviews are a Queensland Government process, implemented by the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission, where participants can apply to have a decision made against them, or a penalty reviewed by a single reviewer appointed by the Commission. The Internal Review process replaced the Racing Disciplinary Board (RDB) which managed appeals between 2013 and 2016.

Mr Barnett said the independence of the internal reviewer was of the utmost importance to the Commission.

"The position is completely independent from the Stewards or other QRIC officers. Mr Ashby has completely overturned 12 decisions and reduced the penalties on a further 14, clearly demonstrating that participants can have total confidence in his objectivity," he said.

"We are fortunate to have a reviewer of Mr Ashby's calibre, experience and industry diversity filling this important role in Queensland.

"His career history as a previous race day and integrity Steward, licensed trainer and jockey makes him uniquely qualified to adjudicate on a wide variety of decisions and gives the role great credibility in the racing community," Mr Barnett said.