

# QRIC Statement

## South Maclean Animal Welfare complaint

**15 June 2017**

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) was contacted on the 14 June in relation to the welfare of several horses on a property at South Maclean.

The QRIC subsequently responded and attended this morning (15 June), inspecting the horses and the property and liaised with the RSPCA.

The RSPCA has responded to complaints on three occasions, visiting the property, assessing the animals and providing advice to a relative of the owner.

QRIC is satisfied with the actions being undertaken by the person caring for the horses.

The horses are being fed daily ensuring the horses condition is being improved daily, veterinarians have attended the property assessing all horses and providing advice. QRIC Stewards are satisfied that this advice is being followed.

To date there has been no requirement for the QRIC or the RSPCA to invoke any authorised powers relating to animal welfare directions regarding the horses.

There has not been any revocation of racing licences associated with this matter and information circulating suggesting otherwise is incorrect.

The Queensland Police Service Racing Crime Squad have been made aware of threats suggesting intervention which may involve trespass onto the property and other criminal activities.

All complaints in relation to licenced racing animals should be made to the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission.

These complaints should be made directly with first-hand knowledge of the incident to ensure an appropriate response.

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