

Media release

QRIC investigators to use Body Worn Cameras

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In a first for the racing industry, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) has launched the implementation of Body Worn Cameras (BWC's) for its Integrity Regulation Unit (IRU).

QRIC Commissioner Ross Barnett said the cameras were used for the collection of evidence to be used in a variety of ways including to assist IRU investigations and provide an accurate record of fieldwork inspections.

"Uploading data is automated through camera docking stations (Evidence Transfer Managers) installed at QRIC's Albion headquarters," he said.

"This is a giant leap forward for our officers for their own protection as well as that of the participants they work with to ensure the integrity of the Queensland racing industry.

"All IRU staff will use the devices according the QRIC standard operating procedure guidelines.

"The ability to record events electronically as they occur has a range of benefits for the QRIC, specifically relating to the gathering of evidence."

Mr Barnett said already, the evidence collecting value of the cameras was proven.

In the first days of the trial period prior to implementation, officers recorded vital evidence during a random inspection at a racing participant's property and during a recent random drug testing operation.

QRIC investigators have also been able to record on-site evidence and interview participants who had breached licensing requirements.

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