

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards' Report – Brad Herne – Je Suis Prest

Date – 20 July 2017

Panel – D Aurisch, C Albrecht & P Zimmermann

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the analysts' findings that the urine sample taken from Je Suis Prest at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club race meeting on 19 March 2017, was found to contain a prohibited substance - 4-HYDROXY XYLAZINE.

Evidence was taken from Mr Brad Herne the trainer of JE SUIS PREST.

Mr Herne pleaded guilty to a charge under Australian Rule of Racing 178:

*Subject to AR178G, 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 penalised.*

The specifics of the charge being that Mr Brad Herne, as the trainer of JE SUIS PREST, brought that mare to race at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club on 19 March 2017, when a post-race urine sample taken after its 2<sup>nd</sup> placing in the Class 2 Handicap 1200m, was found to contain the prohibited substance; 4-Hydroxy xylazine.

When considering an appropriate penalty, Stewards took into account Mr Herne's previously unblemished record, his personal circumstances and the precedents regarding this substance. Stewards also recognised that breaches of this kind have a negative impact on the image of the industry. Mr Herne was subsequently fined \$3000.

Under the provisions of Australian Rule 177, JE SUIS PREST was disqualified from the above-mentioned race and the placing's were amended as follows:

### Sunshine Coast- 19 March 2017 - Class 2 Handicap 1200m

1 <sup>st</sup>	VICTORY EIGHT
2 <sup>nd</sup>	BACHELOR HEIR
3 <sup>rd</sup>	KAPHNI
4 <sup>th</sup>	CHIN CHUN

Mr Herne was advised of his internal review rights.