



Media release

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QRIC bans race fixer for life

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commissioner has today announced he has cancelled the licence of convicted race fixer Barton Cockburn and has also issued a notice to Mr Cockburn advising him he has been warned off for life from all race tracks in Queensland.

“Mr Cockburn’s warning off applies to all three codes of racing – thoroughbreds, harness and greyhounds,” Commissioner Ross Barnett said.

“The prosecution of Mr Cockburn should sound a clear warning to anyone wanting to undermine the integrity of racing in Queensland that there will be serious consequences,” Commissioner Barnett said.

Mr Cockburn was one of three people charged with match fixing offences in April this year after the Racing Crime Squad (RCS) investigated match fixing allegations in the harness racing industry.

“I’d like to take this opportunity to remind all racing participants that the Commission will step up its efforts to ensure the integrity of the racing industry with the addition of two more officers to the Racing Crime Squad (RCS) in the New Year,” Commissioner Barnett said.

“This will take the number of full time investigators attached to the RCS from four to six.”

The RCS was formed in partnership between the Commission and the Queensland Police Service and is stationed full time at the QRIC’s Albion Park office.

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