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QRIC addresses Toowoomba industry rumours

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commissioner has moved to address rumours circulating in Toowoomba's thoroughbred racing industry that a Commission steward is currently under investigation due to misconduct.

"I would like to make it categorically clear that there is no foundation to these rumours whatsoever," Commissioner Ross Barnett said.

"It's grossly unfair to the steward concerned to tarnish his reputation in this way."

There has been speculation within the ranks of Toowoomba's thoroughbred industry and local media over the past few weeks that a steward is facing disciplinary action due to his dealings with a Toowoomba trainer.

It's alleged the steward recently provided information to the trainer prior to an inspection of his stables by Queensland Racing Integrity Commission officers.

"I have decided to release a statement to put these rumours to rest because of the adverse way they reflect on the reputation of the Commission, the individual officer concerned and Toowoomba's thoroughbred industry," Commissioner Barnett said.

"It is vital that industry participants have faith in the work of the Commission's Authorised Officers."

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