



Media release

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Albion Park operation targets greyhound racing cheats

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission has carried out an operation targeting the alleged use of performance enhancing stimulants by greyhound racing participants at Brisbane's Albion Park Raceway.

"We conducted yesterday's operation in response to intelligence about the use of amphetamine-type stimulants by a small number of greyhound code participants and a number of recent positive swabs," Commissioner Ross Barnett said.

"Samples were taken during yesterday's race meeting from 80 greyhounds in a field of 88 and approximately 25 vehicles were searched.

"Our Integrity Regulation Unit carried out what was a significant number of tests for a single race meeting with minimum disruption, with assistance from the QPS Racing Crime Squad."

Seven participants will face further inquiries relating to a variety of possible breaches of the Greyhounds Australasia Rules.

These include allegations of misconduct, failure to produce a greyhound code licence, handling of greyhounds whilst unlicensed and possession of a syringe at a racecourse.

The Commission is awaiting test results before determining what further action will be taken against participants who may have breached other rules or the law.

"Once the results are verified we'll also be in a position to confirm the general level of compliance by industry participants," Commissioner Barnett said.

"It's worth noting we received positive feedback from the majority of trainers who were satisfied to see such a large scale operation without any delays to kennelling and racing.

"We are committed to ensuring the integrity of Queensland's racing industry and make no apology for targeting the cheats."

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