

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Hayden Barnes

**Date: 20 February 2020**

**Panel: N. Torpey, M. Ross and N. Thorneycroft**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into the analyst's findings of testosterone at a concentration level in excess of the allowable threshold for a gelding under the provision of Australian Harness Racing (AHR) Rule 188 (2)(g) in the urine sample taken from GEE UP NEDDY NZ in Race 9 at Albion Park on 12 October 2019. GEE UP NEDDY NZ was presented to race by trainer Hayden Barnes.

Stewards considered the evidence from Mr Barnes as well a report from Dr Adam Crawley (Science Manager at the Australian racing Forensic Laboratory, Racing NSW) who was of the view that the steroid profile for the sample is not consistent with the administration of exogenous testosterone or testosterone precursor. Dr Crawley was further of the view that the results relating to the elevated testosterone level in this steroid profile for GEE UP NEDDY NZ is consistent with an endogenous source.

Stewards, after careful consideration with regard to both the scientific and analytical evidence available to them were satisfied that the concentration of testosterone detected in the urine sample taken from GEE UP NEDDY NZ was of endogenous origin and/or as a result of endogenous activity.

Although fully aware of the provisions under AHR Rule 190(1), with the evidence taken in its entirety Stewards deemed neither charge nor conviction be imposed against trainer Hayden Barnes.

However, as in accordance with AHR Rule 195, which reads:

*A horse which has been presented for a race shall be disqualified from it if blood, urine, saliva, or other matter or sample or specimen taken from the horse is found to contain a prohibited substance.*

GEE UP NEDDY NZ was disqualified from its 2nd placing in Race 9 at Albion Park on 12 October 2019.