

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Trainer Mr. Croydon Hampton

**Date: 6 June 2020**

**Panel: C Warren and R Smith**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the events and circumstances surrounding the treatment and care of the registered thoroughbred MY CRIMSON LAD, on and about 24 April 2020.

After considering the evidence, Trainer Mr Hampton was issued a charge pursuant to **AR 231 (1)(b)(ii) & (iii)**, which reads:

*A person must not, if the person is in charge of a horse, fail at any time: to take such reasonable steps as are necessary to alleviate any pain inflicted upon or being suffered by the horse and to provide veterinary treatment to the horse where such treatment is necessary for the horse.*

The specifics of the charge being that in the days leading up to 24 April 2020, Mr Hampton as the trainer of MY CRIMSON LAD failed to take the sufficient action necessary to alleviate the pain being suffered by the horse, and furthermore that Mr Hampton failed to provide veterinary treatment to the horse when necessary, specifically by ignoring veterinary recommendations and advice for several days.

Mr Hampton pleaded not guilty to the charge and made submissions regarding penalty.

After considering all the submissions, Stewards were comfortably satisfied that sufficient evidence existed to substantiate the charge and Mr Hampton was formally found guilty of the charge.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards considered Mr Hampton's record over a long period of time and personal circumstances however, were also mindful of similar penalty precedents, the negative impact such breaches have on the image of racing and the need for a penalty to serve as an appropriate deterrent to ensure racing is conducted with the required care and welfare of all animals.

Mr Hampton was subsequently disqualified for a period of 12 months. To take immediate effect and to conclude at midnight 6 June 2021.

Mr Hampton was made aware of his rights to an internal review regarding this decision.