

## Stewards' Report

### Stewards Report: Ms Lisa Donovan (Trainer – Track Rider)

**Date: 6 May 2021**

**Panel: P. Gillard**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Steward today inquired into a report from the analyst that a urine sample provided by licensed Trainer/Trackwork Rider Ms Lisa Donovan after she rode track-work at the Atherton Jockey Club on 23 March 2021 contained a banned substance under the provisions of AR136(1).

After hearing all submissions Ms Donovan pleaded guilty to a charge under AR139(1) which reads:

*A rider breaches these Australian Rules if a banned substance under 136(1) is detected in a sample taken from the rider.*

The specifics of the charge being that Ms Donovan did provide a sample of urine after riding trackwork at the Atherton Jockey Club on 23 March 2021, which contained a substance banned under 136(1).

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of the circumstances of this particular case, Ms Donovan's forthright evidence, her guilty plea, remorsefulness, relevant penalty precedents and personal circumstances along with her unblemished long service in the racing industry.

Subsequently, Ms Donovan had her right to ride track-work attached to her trainer's licence suspended for a period of three (3) months which commenced 23 March 2021, when originally stood down, and to expire at midnight 23 June 2021.

Ms Donovan was further advised it is a requirement that she supply a urine sample free of any banned substances prior to her licence being reinstated in full allowing her to ride work again.

Ms Donovan was advised of her rights to apply for an internal review of the decision pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Racing Integrity Act 2016 (Qld).