

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Michael Stanley

**Date: 2 August 2021**

**Panel: D. Farquharson, L. Wilson, N. Finnigan, B. McErlean**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the actions of Michael Stanley, the driver of Soho Broadway in the final 100 metres of the 2021 Queensland Oaks. After taking evidence from Mr Stanley, viewing the official race footage of the race in question, and acting on their own observations, Stewards charged Michael Stanley pursuant to AHR rule 168 (1) (e) for driving in an improper manner.

The particulars of the charge being that in the home straight on the final occasion, Mr Stanley allowed his left foot to be removed from the sulky foot rest and be placed in a position to make contact or attempt to make contact with the near side hind leg of Soho Broadway.

Stewards found Michael Stanley in breach of the rule and when assessing the matter of penalty. Stewards took into account Mr Stanley's record under this rule which indicated a previous offence at Melton in 2020. Stewards also considered the status of the event being a group 1 race, and a fine of \$1000 was imposed.

Mr Stanley was advised of his rights to internal review.