

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Clinton Taylor

**Date: 18/1/2023**

**Panel: B Cooke, S. Larkins, D. Aldred, H. Gillett**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today conducted an inquiry into a Betting Intelligence Report relating to Mr Clinton Taylor placing a head-to-head bet against his own runner, CACAO, in race two at the Mackay race meeting on 23/7/2022.

After taking into consideration the evidence tendered, Mr Taylor was issued with the following charge:

### ***AR 237 Prohibition on persons laying horses***

***(1) A trainer must not lay any horse that is either under the trainer's care, control or supervision, or has been at any time in the preceding 21 days.***

The particulars of the charge being -

That Mr Clinton Taylor, as the licensed trainer CACAO, in race two at the Mackay race meeting on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2022, placed a fifty-dollar head to head bet against his own runner in the event.

Mr Taylor pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty stewards took the following into consideration:

- Mr Taylor's guilty plea
- Mr Taylor's good record and amount of time in the industry.
- Mr Taylor's personal and financial circumstances.
- The minimal size of the bet.
- The negative impact that such actions have on the racing industry and the need for penalties to serve as both a specific and general deterrent.
- Penalty precedents.

Taking the above into consideration it was the opinion of the panel that the appropriate penalty be a fine of \$500.

Mr Taylor was also advised of his right to lodge an internal review regarding this decision.