

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Bevan Laming – OUR BENEFACTOR (NZ)

Date: 7th May 2025

Panel: Brett Wright, Clayton Warren & Danielle McMahon

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards today inquired into a report from the RSC Analyst that the prohibited substances METHAMPHETAMINE and AMPHETAMINE were detected in the urine sample taken from OUR BENEFACTOR(NZ), following its winning performance at Eagle Farm on 15 February 2025.

Documentary evidence from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and Racing Analytical Services Ltd (RASL) was tabled, along with evidence from Licensed Trainers Bevan Laming, Richard Laming, Ben Hull and stablehand Grant Yeomans.

After considering the evidence, Mr Bevan Laming was issued with a charge pursuant to AR 240(2) which states:

(2) Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is brought to a racecourse for the purpose of participating in a race and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of the horse at any relevant time breaches these Australian Rules.

The particulars of the charge being that on 15 February 2025, Bevan Laming, as the trainer of OUR BENEFACTOR(NZ), brought the thoroughbred colt to the Eagle Farm Racecourse for the purpose of participating in Race 6, Sky Racing QTIS 3-Y-O Handicap 1400m, where a post-race urine sample taken from OUR BENEFACTOR(NZ) following its winning performance on that date, upon analysis, was found to contain Methamphetamine & Amphetamine; substances prohibited under the Australian Rules of Racing pursuant to Division 1 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 (Prohibited List B) due to its effects on the nervous system in breach of AR 240(2).

Mr Bevan Laming pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$2000.

In determining penalty, Stewards considered Mr Laming's guilty plea, his clean record in relation to this rule over decades of training, his cooperation leading up to and throughout the inquiry, precedents for an offence pursuant to Australian Rule of Racing 240(2) in regard to the substances, his efforts to identify the source of the breach within his stables, personal circumstances, changes to be effected in stable practices, and the need for the penalty to act as a general deterrent to the wider racing industry.

Further, under the provisions of AR240(1), OUR BENEFACTOR(NZ) was disqualified from its first placing in the above-mentioned race and the placings were amended as follows:

1st – ROCK THE SUNRISE

2nd – MERCHANT GOLD

3rd – COLE'S BEST

4th – WAKU WAKU

5th – PRO FORMA