

## TRAINER STOOD DOWN- MS BROOKE MCPHERSON

AUGUST 8, 2023

**Harness Racing New South Wales (HRNSW) Stewards commenced an investigation on Friday 4 August 2023 into the conduct of licensed Trainer Ms Brooke McPherson in relation to the horse LOOKINFORAREASON, a horse trained by Ms McPherson that was engaged in race 5, the HARNESS TRADING RING AUSTRALIA PACE (1740 metres) at Wagga on that date.**

The investigation was commenced after HRNSW Stewards observed Ms McPherson to administer the contents of a syringe into the mouth of LOOKINFORAREASON whilst the horse was located in the horse float during transportation to the racecourse.

HRNSW Stewards took possession of items used in the administration as well as blood and urine samples from the horse. The items and samples will be submitted for analysis.

The horse LOOKINFORAREASON was withdrawn from the subject race by Stewards.

Ms McPherson was afforded an opportunity to provide submissions prior to 12 midday on Monday 7 August 2023 for the consideration of HRNSW Stewards in relation to Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 183 which states:

AHRR 183. Pending the outcome of an inquiry, investigation or objection, or where a person has been charged with an offence, the Stewards may direct one or more of the following -

- (a) that a horse shall not be nominated for or compete in a race;
- (b) that a driver shall not drive or otherwise take part in a race;
- (c) that the horses of certain connections shall not be nominated for or start in a race;
- (d) that a licence or any other type of authority or permission be suspended.

Ms McPherson did not oppose the imposition of AHRR 183 and consequently she was informed that her Trainer and Driver licences were suspended, effective immediately.

A date has not been set for the Steward's Inquiry at this time

For further information on this matter contact:  
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