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Notification of Supreme Court Decision

**THOROUGHBRED TRAINER TROY BLACKER**

(Appeal No:30 of 2017-18)

On the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 the Office of Racing Integrity (ORI) Stewards imposed a twelve month disqualification on Mr Troy Blacker for breaching Australian Rules Of Racing 178 (positive swab to cobalt).

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2018 the Tasmanian Racing appeals Board (TRAB) reduced this penalty to 9 months disqualification with 3 months of the disqualification to be suspended on condition that Mr Blacker not breach AR178 for a period of 2 years.

Stewards appealed the decision to the Supreme Court outlining their belief the Tasmanian Racing Appeals Board had acted outside their legislative powers when suspending 3 months of the disqualification.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 the Supreme Court found in favour of the Stewards application, stating the Tasmanian Racing Appeals Board acted in excess of its jurisdiction and the exercise of its powers. The decision of the TRAB is to be set aside with Mr Blacker's disqualification of twelve months to be revived.

It has been further agreed by the parties that the matter is now to be re-determined by the TRAB.

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