

## MS ELLEN BARTLEY- INQUIRY CONDUCTED

13 MAY 2022

On Wednesday 11 May 2022, Harness Racing New South Wales (HRNSW) Stewards conducted an Inquiry into reports received from the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) that synephrine had been detected in post-race urine samples obtained from the following horses:

- BETTER HARLEY following its win in race 4, the SOUTH WEST SLOPES CREDIT UNION PACE (2000 metres) conducted at Temora on Saturday 15 January 2022;
- SANTA LUCIA following its win in race 3, the IAN WALSH MEMORIAL (2270 metres) conducted at Wagga on Tuesday 1 February 2022;

The 'B' samples and control solutions were confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) in Victoria.

Ms Bartley appeared at the Inquiry and provided evidence of her registered training establishment and husbandry. Evidence including the Reports of Analysis from ARFL and RASL were presented to the Inquiry as well as analytical reports in relation to teff grass hay obtained from a property adjoining Ms Bartley's training property.

Ms Bartley pleaded guilty to two (2) charges issued pursuant to Rule 190 (1), (2) & (4) for presenting BETTER HARLEY and SANTA LUCIA to race not free of a prohibited substance, being synephrine.

In respect of those charges Stewards recorded a conviction on Miss Bartley's offence record, however, did not impose any further penalties.

In considering penalty Stewards were mindful of the following;

- Ms Bartley's first Prohibited Substance offence/s;
- Circumstances involved in this matter;
- Class 3 Prohibited substance;
- Ms Bartley's licence history and other personal subjective facts.

Acting under the provisions of Rule 195, BETTER HARLEY and SANTA LUCIA were disqualified from the abovementioned races.

Ms Bartley was advised of her right to appeal these decisions.

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