

Inquiry into the Racing Integrity Amendment Bill 2022

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Submitter Comments:

I believe that the new Racing Appeals Panel has been a long time coming. It will be embraced by all sides and sections of the Racing Industry. I commend the Qld Government for addressing the issue of the Appeal Review System which was put in place with all good intentions but it became unworkable, with Licensees being able to function for too long after appealing a decision.

Submitter Recommendations:

Under the new model, I make comment to Point 4 in CAPITAL LETTERS: 1. Applications for review must be lodged within three business days; 2. The majority of decisions will be reviewed within seven business; 3. In more serious cases, the Panel will finalise its review within 20 business days; 4. Appeals to QCAT can only be made where the penalty imposed by the stewards' is three months or more, and will be limited to the severity of the penalty; IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS WHEN APPEALING A DECISION TO A HIGHER BODY, THE APPELLANT CAN APPEAL ON PENALTY AND SEVERITY; FOR FAIRNESS THE AJA AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS ALSO SHOULD BE THE CASE IN QLD. JUST BECAUSE THE APPELLANT HAS LOST THE ORIGINAL APPEAL TO THE RACING APPEALS PANEL DOES NOT MEAN THE APPELLANT SHOULD BE DENIED DUE PROCESS WHEN APPEALING TO A HIGHER BODY 5. There will need to be exceptional circumstances for QCAT to grant a stay;