

QUEENSLAND RACING COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY

In compliance with Commissioner's request dated 5 July 2013

PAUL DOUGLAS FELGATE

makes the following statement.

I, Paul Douglas Felgate of [REDACTED] in the State of Queensland states on oath:-

Preliminary

1. I was a passionate participant in the sport of Greyhound racing in Queensland from my teenage years in the early 1970's to 2008.
2. I did not involve myself in the administration of the industry under the Greyhound Racing Association and held no office in nor was I an employee of the association.
3. When the racing reforms were announced under which it became apparent that Greyhound racing would not continue at Gold Coast I was hopeful of seeing the development of a greyhound racing precinct at Logan.
4. I was approached to fill a casual vacancy and agreed to appointment as a director of Greyhounds Queensland Limited in November 2008.
5. It became apparent to me fairly quickly that the development of the Logan precinct was not going to happen due to the complete inability of the entities involved to advance the establishment of a greyhound racing precinct at Logan or anywhere else.
6. I was a director of Greyhounds Queensland Limited for 12 months from 12 November 2008 to 24 November 2009. I was never elected at an AGM.
7. The entire debacle at Gold Coast was shattering to me and as a consequence I closed down my stud and racing operations. I sold all my racing dogs and breeding stock and left the industry entirely.
8. I have not attended a Greyhound race meeting since 2009 and do not maintain contact with any of my old friends and acquaintances from that time.

IN ANSWER TO THE REQUIREMENT TO GIVE INFORMATION DATED 5 JULY 2013 AND ISSUED TO ME BY THE COMMISSIONER QUEENSLAND RACING COMMISSION OF INQUIRY I SAY, ADOPTING THE SAME NUMBERING AS FOLLOWS:-

1. **CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY**


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Deponent


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Witness

1.1 The only knowledge I have in relation to Greyhounds Queensland Limited over the relevant period regarding.

- (a) policies;
- (b) processes;
- (c) guidelines; and
- (d) measures which were used to ensure contracts which were awarded delivered value for money

Is contained in documents 16 -19 that I have produced to the commission.

1.2 To my knowledge the policies, processes, guidelines and measures were adhered to.

1.3 I have no knowledge of any contractual arrangements of Greyhounds Queensland Limited with Contour Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd as I ceased to be a director prior to any dealings taking place.

1.4 I have no knowledge of the contracts referred to.

2. MANAGEMENT

2.1 The

- (a) management policies;
- (b) management processes;
- (c) management guidelines;

that were in place are set out in my disclosed documents 16 – 19.

I am not aware of any

- (d) workplace culture and practices
- that were in place.

As to whether the above:

- (a) ensured integrity; and
- (b) were adhered to

I can only say that I consider that at the directors meetings I attended the policies, processes and guidelines were followed. I had no role or discussions outside the meetings, I did not take action to implement decisions, follow up on matters or the like. I believe the CEO attended to such matters.


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Deponent


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Witness

- 2.2 During my year on the board of Greyhounds Queensland Limited I was not aware of involvement of the board or board members with;
- (a) the Executive Management Team; and
 - (b) other key management personnel.

3. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

3.1 I understand that Racing Queensland Limited was registered on 25 March 2010. By that stage I was no longer involved with any aspect of the administration. Further, having become utterly disillusioned with the industry I had sold all of my racing dogs and did not maintain social friendships with dog racers I had known for decades.

3.2 I have no knowledge of any matters asked concerning Racing Queensland Limited.

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4. OVERSIGHT BY THE MINISTER, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNMENT, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

My only experience of the oversight of the operations of Greyhounds Queensland Limited were by Andrew Fraser, Treasurer and Mr Peter Lawlor Minister for Racing and Tourism for a time. This was limited to one Board attendance with Mr Fraser. I understand they oversaw the closure of the Gold Coast Racing Club and its removal from Parklands (where a hospital was later built) and made promises about funding for the Cronulla Park development at Logan which came to nothing. ;

5. EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS: TUTTLE, ORCHARD, BRENNAN, REID

As I had ceased all involvement in the industry I have no knowledge in relation to any of these matters.

6. QUEENSLAND RACE PRODUCT CO LIMITED and TATTS GROUP

My only knowledge in relation to these matters is contained in the material distributed to me and which I have produced to the Commission. That material is identified as documents 20, 21



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Deponent



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Witness

and 22. As I have not retained copies of that material and am not say whether it deals with any aspect of the matters raised in 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6.

I have no other information, documents or knowledge concerning those matters.

7. FUNDS TRANSFER IN FEBRUARY 2012: QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT TO RACING QUEENSLAND LIMITED INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST ACCOUNT

I have no knowledge of matters concerning funds transferred in February 2012.

8. ANY OTHER RELEVANT MATTER

I have no knowledge of any other matters that are relevant to the Commission's Terms of Reference.

Sworn by the deponent this
24th day of July 2013


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Paul Douglas Felgate

Before me


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Ronald Keith Carr, Solicitor

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Deponent

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