

Hon Peter Lawlor MP Member for Southport



Minister for Tourism and Fair Trading

2 9 APR 2009

The Honourable W J Carter QC 101 Hawdon Street WILSTON QLD 4051

RAC-00083 / MN=101149

Dear Mr Carter

I refer to your letter of 19 August 2008 to the Honourable Andrew Fraser MP, Treasurer, regarding the constitution of Queensland Racing Limited. As the matter now falls within my portfolio responsibilities, a copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to me for reply.

As you would already be aware, the issues you raised were initially forwarded to the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC). The CMC reviewed the material and was of the opinion that it was outside its jurisdiction and it was more properly a matter for the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC). After reviewing the material and undertaking its own enquiries, ASIC decided not to pursue a formal investigation of this matter.

Your complaint regarding an allegation of voting anomalies at Queensland Racing Limited was then referred to the Commissioner of Police for Investigation. Members of the Queensland Police Service's Fraud and Corporate Crimes Group conducted an investigation into this allegation in December 2008 and found insufficient evidence to pursue charges against anyone involved. The brief of evidence and investigation report were then referred to the Honourable Mr Tim Carmody SC, for independent assessment, who has agreed with the police findings.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to the Government's attention. I believe the matter has now been resolved.

Yours sincerely

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2 9 APR 2009

Mr Tim Ferrier Partner Clarke Kann Lawyers GPO Box 2249 BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Mr Ferrier

I refer to your letter of 19 August 2008 to Mr Michael Dart, former Senior Policy Advisor to the Honourable Andrew Fraser MP, Treasurer and Minister for Employment and Economic Development regarding the constitution of Queensland Racing Limited (QRL). As the matter now falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Honourable Peter Lawlor MP, Minister for Tourism and Fair Trading, a copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to this office for reply. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The issues regarding the proposed changes to the QRL constitution have now been finalised. The matter was initially forwarded to the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) for investigation. The CMC reviewed the material and was of the opinion that it was outside its jurisdiction and it was more properly a matter for the Australian Securities and investment Commission (ASIC). After reviewing the material and undertaking its own enquiries, ASIC decided not to pursue a formal investigation of this matter,

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I trust this information is of assistance. I believe the matter has now been resolved.

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29 APR 2009

Mr Gary Peoples PO Box.70 ARAMAC QLD 4726

Dear Mr Peoples

I refer to your letter of 11 August 2008 to the Honourable Andrew Fraser MP, Treasurer, regarding the vote for changes to the Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) constitution. As the matter now falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Honourable Peter Lawlor MP, Minister for Tourism and Fair Trading, a copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to this office for reply. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf. I apologise for the delay in responding.

As you may already be aware, the issues you raised regarding the proposed changes to the QRL constitution have now been finalised. The matter was initially forwarded to the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) for investigation. The CMC reviewed the material and was of the opinion that it was outside its jurisdiction and it was more properly a matter for the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC). After reviewing the material and undertaking its own enquiries, ASIC decided not to pursue a formal investigation of this matter.

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I thank you for taking the time to write to the Government on this issue and trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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