

Oaths Act 1867

Statutory Declaration

QUEENSLAND TO WIT

I, Darren Michael Beavis, of [REDACTED], in the State of Queensland do solemnly and sincerely declare that;

I was General Manager of the Greyhound Racing Authority and then Greyhounds Queensland Limited for the relevant period 1 January 2007 to 30 June 2010. I then held the position of Greyhound Racing Manager with Racing Queensland Limited for the period 1 July 2010 to 28 January 2011.

I provide the following statement in respect of the Terms of Reference for the Queensland Racing Commission of Inquiry.

1.1 For the period 1 January 2007 to 30 June 2010 there were policies in place to deal with procurement, contract management and financial accountability. In my position of Greyhound Racing Manager for the period 1 July 2010 to 28 January 2011 my duties did not involve contract management or financial accountability and as such was not aware of any policies, guidelines, processes or measures that may have existed.

1.2 All policies, processes, guidelines and measures were adhered to for the period 1 January 2007 to 30 June 2010. I am unable to comment for the period 1 July 2010 to 28 January 2011.

1.3 I have no knowledge of any contractual arrangements between the relevant entities and Contour Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd.

1.4 Response as per 1.3.

2.1 Management policies, processes, guidelines and workplace culture and practices ensured integrity and were adhered to, to the best of my knowledge.

2.2 In respect of involvement of board members for the Greyhound Racing Authority and Greyhounds Queensland Limited there was a separation of powers for commercial and regulatory functions. The Boards left the day to day operations to the executive team and focused on the industry's strategic direction. In my short employment at Racing Queensland Limited the board members appeared to be more hands on and at the offices on a regular basis. I was with Racing Queensland for only a short period of 7 months when my position was made redundant. I had high expectations in working on construction of the new greyhound racing facility in Logan as agreed prior to the 3 code merger. As a result of Racing Queensland's decision to build a new facility at Deagon instead of Logan it was a major disappointment having spent some 3 years in securing development approval for the new facility. From day one of the new entity I basically felt shut out and left in an office to complete general data entry and to relieve in the Grading department as required. This period was the most disappointing and frustrating time in my 20 year career in the racing industry.

3.2 To the best of my knowledge Racing Queensland Limited and its officers acted with integrity, in accordance with the constitution, best interests of the company, best interests of the racing industry, consistently with policies pursuant to the *Racing Act 2000* and consistently with legislation.

3.3 There were rules, procedures in place to identify and manage conflicts of interest for employees. I have no knowledge if there were policies, rules and procedures in place for directors or executives in relation to their position and information for personal or financial gain.

3.4 I have no knowledge of contracts for directors or executives of Racing Queensland Limited.

4.1 I attended two meetings with the then Racing Minister Mr. Peter Lawlor to discuss the proposed greyhound racing facility in Logan. The main dealings I had with government was with the Office of Racing as it was known and its officers Mr. Michael Kelly and Ms. Carol Perrett.

5.1 I have no knowledge of the renegotiation of contracts for senior executives of Racing Queensland Limited.

5.2 I have no knowledge of events surrounding the payouts made under the abovementioned contracts.

5.3 I have no knowledge of actions by directors and senior executives in reference to paragraph 5.1 or 5.2.

6.1 Queensland Race Product Co. Limited was the mechanism for the collection of fees paid by Tatts Group (formerly UNITAB) on a monthly basis in accordance with the Queensland Race Product Co. Agreement. Queensland Race Product Co. would then allocate funds to the three racing control bodies as per the Intercode Agreement. This response is for the period 1 January 2007 to 30 June 2010.

6.2 As I was not a member of Queensland Race Product Co Limited I am unaware how they responded to race information fees.

6.3 To the best of my knowledge no legal advice was obtained by Greyhounds Queensland Limited in respect of fees payable by Tatts Group to Queensland Race Product Co. Limited. I have no knowledge as to the other relevant entities obtaining legal advice in respect of fees payable to Tatts Group.

6.4 As per response 6.3.

6.5 To the best of my knowledge directors and senior executives of Greyhounds Queensland Limited for the period 1 January 2007 to 30 June 2010 acted in good faith, consistently with their responsibilities, consistently with their duties, in best interests of the company. To the best of my knowledge there was no influence by a conflict of interest when race information fees were introduced during the above period.

6.6 I have no knowledge of directors or senior executives of the relevant entities using their position to gain a personal advantage for the period 1 January 2007 to 30 April 2012.

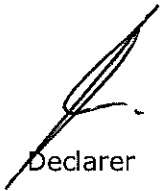
7.1 I have no knowledge of events surrounding approved transfer of funds in February 2012.

7.2 As per response 7.1.

7.3 As per response 7.1.

8.1 I have no other matter relevant to the Commission's terms of reference.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act 1867.



Declarer

Taken and declared before me at BRISBANE
this 22nd day of August 2013, before me.



Justice of the Peace/Commissioner for Declarations

JOHN WELLSBURN
LAWYER