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Dear Simon

RE: Lighting Safety and Abandonment Requirements

I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence received on 26 December 2009, relating to the abandonment of night/twilight races due to failure of the lights and the safety mechanisms implemented should a power failure occur during the conduct of a race meeting.

As mentioned during our recent meeting, Queensland Racing Limited is currently in the process of undertaking a review of the current fee structure throughout Queensland. It is expected that this review will be finalised at the end of March 2010, for implementation from 1 July 2010.

As discussed, in preference to implementing adhoc amendments to the current fee structure this issue will be considered within the broader review. I will liaise with you on this issue prior to finalising my recommendation to the Board of Queensland Racing Limited.

I have attached to this correspondence a copy of the emergency lighting procedures that are in place at Corbould Park, Caloundra. This information is available in the weighing room and each rider is responsible for understanding their obligations should a power failure occur at the facility. I have spoken to the Integrity Department and they have confirmed that a similar document is available at Clifford Park, Toowoomba.

I would be happy for you to utilise this information within one of your upcoming columns, should you believe it profits a better understanding to Owner's of the current procedure.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank yourself and Grant for attending the opening of the new Rockhampton track last Friday, this is a fantastic new facility and will ensure the ongoing viability of racing in the Capricornia region.

Yours faithfully

Paul Brennan
Racing Services Manager

Emergency Lighting Procedures - Corbould Park, Caloundra

It is important that all riders participating at night and twilight meetings at Corbould Park, Caloundra, have an understanding of the Emergency Lighting System utilised when any disruption is caused to the normal electricity supply to the facility.

There are six (6) generators located throughout the facility with five (5) of these generators dedicated to providing a minimum of 25% lighting to the Course Proper and Cushion Track during an electricity supply failure. The aforementioned 25% of lights are supplied power from the generators the entire time they are in operation and are not fed from the normal electricity supply. This being said, should a power supply failure or Blackout occur, those 25% of lights fed by the generators will continue to operate, whilst the remaining 75% of lights fed from the normal electricity supply will not function.

It is extremely important that riders understand that in times when an electricity supply failure occurs at the facility and the Emergency Lighting System (25% of track lighting) is the only lighting operational on the tracks, the following procedures will occur:

- Should this occur prior to the conduct of a race, the Stewards will not commence the race until all lights are operational at the facility.
- Should this occur during the conduct of a race, the Stewards will activate the false start signal and all horses are to be retired from the event and returned to the saddling enclosure.

The lighting and Emergency Lighting Systems underwent a thorough testing regime on Tuesday 8 December 2009 and similar testing will be undertaken prior to the conduct of each twilight or night meeting.

It is a requirement of each rider to fully understand the above procedures and to liaise with Stewards prior to the conduct of a twilight or night race should they require any clarity on the above procedures.