

# Decision

## Tasracing Integrity Unit and Christeen Daly

<b>Date of Decision:</b>	1 December 2025
<b>Decision Makers:</b>	Mr. Trevor Styles, Ms. Heidi Lester, Mr. Alex Bonde
<b>Respondent:</b>	Ms. Christeen Daly
<b>Rule:</b>	Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 218
<b>Charge One:</b>	AHRR 218: <i>A person having responsibility for the welfare of a horse shall not fail to care for it properly</i>
<b>Plea:</b>	Not Guilty
<b>Determination:</b>	Guilty
<b>Penalty:</b>	12 months' disqualification

### Background:

1. Mrs. Daly was at all relevant times an owner and breeder associated with the harness racing industry.
2. On 2 September 2025, the Tasracing Integrity Unit received a report from the RSPCA advising that on 1 September 2025, they were required to euthanise an aged mare, Sunrise Whatanight, located at the property of Mrs. Christeen Daly.
3. Following initial investigations, Mrs. Daly attended an Inquiry and was issued a charge under AHRR 218: *A person having responsibility for the welfare of a horse shall not fail to care for it properly*; in that she failed to properly care for Sunrise Whatanight, resulting in that mare losing body condition to a point where euthanasia was required.
4. Mrs. Daly pleaded not guilty, however she was found guilty and was disqualified for 12 months.
5. In arriving at Penalty, the Decision Makers considered all available evidence including:
  - Mrs. Daly's not guilty plea;
  - her disciplinary history;
  - her remorse;
  - her written and verbal submissions and references;
  - her personal and professional circumstances;
  - the objective seriousness of the offence;
  - the need to maintain public confidence in the integrity and welfare standards of the

industry.

6. Further, Mrs. Daly

- was advised of her rights of appeal;
- received a notice of the Consequences of Disqualification
- was advised of the requirements regarding disposal of her horse ownership interests.

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