

Decision

Tasracing Integrity Unit and Peter Luttrell

Date of Decision:	27 July 2026
Decision Makers:	Ms Barbara Scott, Mr Arnold Hyde, Mr Trevor Styles
Respondents:	Mr. Peter Luttrell
Rule:	AR 233(a) – A person must not breach a policy, regulation or code of practice published by Racing Australia or a PRA;
Charge:	Peter Luttrell was at all relevant times a thoroughbred trainer licensed by Tasracing and a person bound by the Australian Rules of Racing. Mr Luttrell breached the Tasracing Animal Welfare Code of Practice for Racehorse Welfare in that he: 1. Failed to obtain veterinary treatment for DIAMOND SUNRISE when it was injured. 2. Failed to ensure the euthanasia of DIAMOND SUNRISE was undertaken by a suitable person such as a veterinarian or licenced knackery personnel. 3. Failed to have MAKARSKA SUNSET, POP A HONDA and SHAMUS EAGLE assessed by a competent person as to their retraining and rehoming potential and failed to support the transition of those horses into retirement. 4. Failed to have TAHITIAN WARRIOR assessed by a competent person as to its retraining and rehoming potential and failed to support the transition of that horse into retirement.
Plea:	To charge 1 – Guilty To charge 2 – Guilty To charge 3 – Not Guilty To charge 4 - Guilty
Penalties:	1. Disqualification of 12 months 2. Disqualification of 12 months

3. Fine of \$750

4. Fine of \$750

Stewards directed the two 12 month periods of disqualification be served consecutively. (total 24 months).

Decision:

1. Mr. Luttrell was at all relevant times a licenced thoroughbred trainer.
2. Between May 2025 and January 2026 Mr Luttrell submitted a Notification of Retirement for DIAMOND SUNRISE, MAKARSKA SUNSET, TAHITIAN WARRIOR, POP A HONDA and SHAMUS EAGLE.
3. DIAMOND SUNRISE was retired to a non-industry participant but was returned to Mr Luttrell several weeks later due to being injured.
4. Mr Luttrell failed to obtain veterinary treatment for DIAMOND SUNRISE.
5. Mr Luttrell arranged for the euthanasia of DIAMOND SUNRISE by an unsuitable person.
6. Investigations into the retirement of MAKARSKA SUNSET, TAHITIAN WARRIOR, POP A HONDA and SHAMUS EAGLE found Mr Luttrell had not assessed their rehoming potential and did not responsibly rehome those horses in a way that maintains a focus on the horse's continuing welfare.
7. In arriving at Penalty, the Decision Makers considered all available evidence including:
 - the guilty and not guilty pleas
 - Mr Luttrell's prior disciplinary history;
 - his verbal submissions;
 - his personal circumstances;
8. Mr Luttrell was advised of his rights of appeal.

Dated: 28 July 2026.