

## Stewards Decision

Tasracing Integrity Unit

and

Thermal Miss

**Date of Decision** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2026

**Decision Makers** T T Styles (Chair), J W Marsh

**Rule** AR 240 (1)

**Charge** **Prohibited substance in sample taken from a horse at race meeting**

*(1) Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is brought to a racecourse and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the horse must be disqualified from any race in which it started on that day.*

**Penalty** Disqualification

**Summary of Facts**

1. Thermal Miss competed in and won Race 2, The Goodstone Group Maiden at the Devonport Racing Club on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026
2. Thermal Miss was subject to post race urine sampling which was given the unique sample identifier R069083.
3. On 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026 Tasracing Integrity Unit received notification from Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) that the sample contained Aminorex, a prohibited substance under the Australian Rules of Racing.
4. On 26<sup>th</sup> August 2026 further correspondence was received from RASL that Aminorex was detected in the reserve urine sample and not detected in the control sample.
5. On 21<sup>st</sup> September 2026, acting under the provisions of AR 240(1) Stewards disqualified Thermal Miss from The Goodstone Group Maiden at the Devonport Racing Club on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026 and amended the placings accordingly.

**Disqualification  
Discussion**

In disqualifying Thermal Miss, Tasracing Licensed Thoroughbred Trainer and a person bound by the Australian Rules of Racing, Mrs. Sarah Cotton confirmed to Stewards:

- Acknowledges that due to her current unique circumstances an inquiry into the matter is not appropriate at present and will be set at a later date
- Under the provisions of AR 109A confirmed that she was representative of the owners for the purposes of the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice.
- That she was given the opportunity to present any further evidence prior to the Stewards enforcing AR 240(1).
- Understood and accepted the decision of Stewards to enforce AR 240(1) thereby disqualifying Thermal Miss from Race 2, The Goodstone Group Maiden at the Devonport Racing Club on 12th July 2026 and amending the placings accordingly with all stake money to be returned to Tasracing.

Mrs. Cotton was advised of her right to appeal the Stewards decisions to the Tasmanian Racing Appeal Board.