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## **TRNT Stewards' Inquiry – Darwin Turf Club, Friday 29 January, 2016**

**Panel:** D Hensler (Chairman), A Napier, R Hamilton, Deputy S Copelin

Stewards today resumed an adjourned inquiry into jockey Ms Vanessa Arnott's handling of KAYNO in Race 2, the "NT NEWS Weight-for-Age" run over 1100m at the Darwin Turf Club meeting conducted on Tuesday 26 January, 2016.

Evidence was taken today from Ms V Arnott, trainer Ms K Petrick and a report from veterinarian Dr J Farebrother, in addition to telephone evidence tendered by RacingNSW Industry veterinarian Dr C Suann.

Stewards also reviewed the patrol films of the gelding's previous performances and considered betting analysis of the race.

Subsequently jockey Ms V Arnott was found guilty of a charge under ARR135 (b), with the specifics being:

1. From the 1000m until near the 700m she did, when racing in a 5-wide position, maintain a hold of her mount, thereby losing considerable ground on the field and did fail to make any effort to allow the gelding to stride freely and work into a competitive position in running.
2. Between the 700m and the 350m when approximately 14 lengths from the leader, she rode with a distinct lack of purpose and displayed no urgency to improve her mount's position in running.
3. From the 350m to the winning post she did fail to fully test her mount and rode with insufficient vigour given the circumstances of the race.
4. The Stewards were of the opinion that in all the aforementioned sections of the race that Ms Arnott did fail to take all reasonable and permissible measures to ensure KAYNO was given full opportunity to win or to obtain the best possible place in the field.

In assessing penalty, Stewards took into account:

- There was no evidence to suggest any deliberate attempt from any party for KAYNO to not be ridden on its merits
- The high level of culpability of the offence, bearing in mind the quality of the ride and that the specifics equated to the majority of the race
- Breaches of this rule impact directly on the reputation of the Industry as a gambling medium
- Her unblemished record over 17 years in regards to this rule
- Her personal circumstances
- The penalty must act as a specific and general deterrent

Ms Arnott had her license to ride in races suspended for a period of (3) months to expire after 29 April, 2016. She was advised of her rights of appeal.

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