



MEDIA STATEMENT

Tuesday 14 January 2020

The Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission has confirmed that the interim suspension imposed on greyhound trainer, Tim Caines, in December 2019 has been lifted.

The Commission had imposed an interim suspension on Mr Caines after receiving a certificate of analysis from an independent laboratory which detected recombinant human erythropoietin (EPO) in a swab sample taken from 'Nagar Jack' during the Commission's out-of-competition swabbing program for the Million Dollar Chase series.

EPO is a permanently banned prohibited substance and if detected and proven, constitutes an extremely serious breach of the Greyhound Racing Rules.

The Commission's role is to protect the ongoing integrity of the greyhound racing industry in NSW. For this reason the Commission will apply interim suspensions where, as in this case evidence was presented to it that EPO, which is a permanently banned prohibited substance, had been detected in a swab.

The Commission decided to interim suspend Mr Caines whilst awaiting a second analysis of the same sample from another laboratory. That further analysis did not confirm the presence of EPO.

Whilst Mr Caines is no longer under an interim suspension as a result of the EPO matter, the Commission is still conducting an investigation into other matters that came to the Commission's attention during an inspection at Mr Caines' kennels on 6 December 2019.

As this investigation is ongoing the Commission will not be making any further comment at this stage.