



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This Commission of Inquiry was established by an Order in Council dated 4 November 2004. The reporting date for the Inquiry was extended to 3 June 2005 by further Orders in Council dated 16 December 2004 and 24 February 2005.

In brief, the terms of reference set out in the Order in Council required inquiry into the following matters:

- Allegations of manipulation of betting odds by Brisbane based bookmakers since April 2002;
- The content of a memorandum written by Mr Goddard (since deceased), a Western Australian racecourse investigator, about Mr Wayne Wood, the Investigative Steward employed by the QTRB in 2003;
- The conduct of the QTRB and its staff in connection with the appointment and termination of staff, including stewards, since April 2002.

A fourth term of reference required consideration of whether there was sufficient evidence obtained in the course of investigating those three matters to justify disciplinary or other proceedings under the *Racing Act 2002* or any other Act or the Rules of Racing and to justify referral of any matter to the Commissioner of the Police Service or the CMC for further investigation.

The Inquiry proceeded in a sequence of planned stages:

- Establishment (including identification and recruitment of further personnel)
- Investigations
- Private hearings
- Public hearings
- Reporting

Investigations did not cease when private hearings commenced. On the contrary, investigative activities by Inquiry staff continued right through the private and public hearing phases, and certain inquiries were still being concluded while the report was being finalised.

The report details the extensive investigations undertaken in relation to each term of reference, and explains the methodologies applied by investigators and the inquisitorial model adopted in the public hearings.