



MEDIA RELEASE

National Racing Australia Review of Riding Protocols

Racing Australia has over recent months established a Riding Protocols Advisory Panel (The Panel) with Principal Racing Authorities (PRAs) being represented. The first meeting of The Panel will take place this month.

Prior to establishing The Panel, in July 2020 the Racing Australia Board met and consulted with a number of eminent trainers and jockeys.

The purpose of The Panel is to provide comment/advice to the Racing Australia Board in relation to riding protocol matters to ensure positive outcomes are achieved for riders and horses and to foster ongoing confidence in the Australian thoroughbred racing industry.

This national review will continue to run concurrent with the agreed position of the Racing Australia Board at its August Board Meeting notwithstanding the announcement by Racing Victoria today.

The Panel will take into consideration the views of all PRAs when presenting its report to the Racing Australia Board for consideration.

The Panel will provide an update at the next meeting of the Racing Australia Board in November 2020, the timeline of a final decision will then be determined by the Racing Australia Board.

What is concerning is the breach of Board confidentiality. It is important that Racing Australia conducts a vigorous debate and won't condone any breach of Board confidentiality. Open and robust discussion cannot be undermined by a breach of Board Confidentiality.

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