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Inquiry Report – The Inevitable

The Tasracing Integrity Unit has concluded an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the break-down of The Inevitable during the running of Race 9, the Steve's Liquor Hellova Street Stakes run at Mowbray Racecourse on 26 February 2025.

During the inquiry evidence was taken from Trainer Mr. J Keys, stable foreman Mr. Scott Brunton, stablehand Ms. Yasmin Maskiell and Tasracing Chief Veterinary and Animal Welfare Officer Dr. Martin Lenz. Copies of stable treatment records, official veterinary records and previous race-day veterinary inspection reports were examined.

Messrs Keys and Brunton stated that on 29 January 2025 The Inevitable underwent a veterinary inspection, no issues were detected and the gelding did not require any veterinary treatment. They said The Inevitable then raced on 9 February 2025 and suffered some soreness after sustaining a bruised heel, however this had responded well to treatment and remedial shoeing. Mr Brunton added the regular track rider of The Inevitable was very pleased with the gelding's recovery and work in the lead up to the race on 26 February 2025. Both were of the opinion the gelding was suitable to race on 26 February 2025.

Tasracing Chief Veterinary and Animal Welfare Officer Dr Martin Lenz reported that before the race on 26 February 2025, The Inevitable was observed by the race-day veterinary officer in the parade ring, during the preliminary and behind the barrier gates as part of the routine observation of the field of runners, and no abnormalities were noted.

Raceday patrol footage indicated the gelding had faltered near the 400 metres and was pulled up by its rider. A diagnosis of a fractured shoulder was established by the on-track veterinary team. Due to the poor prognosis for this type of injury, The Inevitable was humanely euthanised. The Stipendiary Stewards Report did not attribute the break-down to interference or incident.

Dr Lenz reported that official race-day veterinary records did not reveal any previous lameness. An examination of treatment records provided by the stable revealed The Inevitable had received regular therapeutic and routine pre-raceday medications, with all recorded treatments being administered in accordance with time limits stipulated under the Rules of Racing.

Results of analysis of blood samples taken from The Inevitable at the race meeting were negative.

On the available evidence the particular injury sustained by The Inevitable on 26 February 2025 does not appear to be the result of a previously diagnosed injury affecting the bone which was subject to fracture on race day, or the use of medications in contravention of the Rules of Racing.

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