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DECISION

**RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS
and
BRYCE STANAWAY**

Date of Hearing: 6 June 2017

Panel: Judge Bowman (Chair), Mr Josh Bornstein (Deputy),
Mr Jeremy Rosenthal.

Appearances: Mr Corie Waller appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Stanaway appeared on his own behalf.

Charge AR 175(q)

The Principal Racing Authority (or the Stewards exercising powers delegated to them) may penalise: (q) Any person who in their opinion is guilty of any misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour.

Particulars The particulars of the charge are that at the Werribee Racing Club meeting on 8 April 2017, Mr Stanaway made comments towards Racing Victoria stewards Chris Agnew that constituted misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour.

Plea: Not Guilty.

Decision: The Board finds the charge proved. Mr Stanaway convicted, no penalty imposed.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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**HIS HONOUR JUDGE J. BOWMAN, Chairman
MR J. BORNSTEIN, Deputy Chairman
MR J. ROSENTHAL**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

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RACING VICTORIA CENTRE, FLEMINGTON

TUESDAY, 6 JUNE 2017

MR C. WALLER appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR B. STANAWAY appeared on his own behalf

CHAIRMAN: Mr Bryce Stanaway, you have pleaded not guilty to a breach of AR 175 to the effect that on 8 April 2017 at Werribee racecourse, you engaged in conduct which was improper or behaviour that was unseemly. The facts are not in dispute. You admit that you called steward Mr Chris Agnew "a pig of a man". It is admitted on behalf of the Stewards that Mr Agnew earlier referred to you as "that stupid Stanaway", perhaps the word used was "silly", but the gatemens who were present and heard the observation were of the view that the word used was "stupid". You were not present but one of your owners was leading in one of your horses at the time the offensive observation was made and it was made in his hearing. Thus, Mr Agnew referred to you behind your back as "stupid", and you called him "a pig of man" in front of others.

Technically, there has been a breach of AR 175. You should not have called the Steward "a pig of a man". Of course we realise and repeat that he did call you "stupid", so that your reaction may have been predictable. However, it should not have happened. There was a technical breach.

Mr Waller on behalf of the Stewards stated that the charge should proceed and not be withdrawn. However, he said that the Stewards would not press for the imposition of any penalty. We agree. We find the charge proven but impose no penalty.
