

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ACT 1950
COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ORDER (NO.1) 2013
QUEENSLAND RACING COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

AFFIDAVIT OF DONALD LESLIE MOFFATT

I, **DONALD LESLIE MOFFATT** of [REDACTED], Director,
states on oath:

1. I am Donald Leslie Moffatt.
2. I was the Deputy Chairman of the Sunshine Coast Turf Club (SCTC) for approximately two years until my retirement from the SCTC sometime in 2011. I cannot recall the exact date of my retirement.
3. I had served on the committee for the SCTC for approximately 16 years.
4. I have a lifetime membership with the SCTC.

Corbould Park Racetrack

5. The Caloundra City Council (CCC) originally owned the freehold title to the Caloundra Corbould Park racetrack (**CP Racetrack**).
6. I believed that it was in the best interests of the Sunshine Coast racing community that CP Racetrack was owned by Racing Queensland Limited (**Racing Queensland**).

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Therefore I assisted in the process for the sale of the CP Racetrack to Racing Queensland from the CCC.

7. I believe the CP Racetrack was sold to Racing Queensland in or around July 2007.
8. The sale transaction included the assets of the SCTC. In return Racing Queensland formed the Sunshine Coast Racing Unit Trust (**the Trust**) to administer the freehold. Part of this transaction included a 15% unit ownership by SCTC, I think, in the Trust which owned the freehold in return for the assets which were owned by the SCTC.
9. I sat on the Trust board from its formation until I retired from the racing industry in 2011.
10. In or around 2007 a synthetic cushion track was installed at CP Racecourse.
11. This was the first synthetic track to be installed in Queensland, therefore I recommended to the Trust that Racing Queensland should employ a project manager.
12. I believe the project to install the synthetic cushion track was put to tender for a project manager.
13. I believe the project manager who ultimately was granted the project won on both price and abilities.
14. I cannot recall who the project manager was, but he was responsible for the entire installation of the cushion track in 2007.
15. Soon after I retired from the membership of the Trust's board, I noted the project manager was no longer employed as the project manager and Racing Queensland gave all that work to the engineering firm in Caloundra called Contour Consulting Engineers.
16. I do not know, nor was I privy to, the exact date as to when the original project manager was no longer involved in the CP Racetrack.

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Specific responses to the Schedule attached to the requirement to give information in a written statement

17. I refer to the schedule attached to the requirement to give information in a written statement dated 5 July 2013.

Contract management and financial accountability

18. I refer to paragraphs 11 and 12 above and confirm while I sat on the Trust board that any projects were put to tender and the tenders were won on price and abilities.

19. I have no other knowledge other than I have already discussed above in relation to the CP Racecourse.

20. At all times the Trust and the SCTC was required to report to Racing Queensland their financial status and accounts.

Management

21. I have no knowledge of any of the matters referred to under this term of reference.

Corporate Governance

22. I believe the Trust and the SCTC complied with and followed the appropriate corporate governance.

23. Otherwise I have no knowledge of any of the matters referred to under this term of reference.

Oversight by the Minister, the Executive Government, the Chief Executive

24. I have no knowledge of any of the matters referred to under this term of reference.

Employment contracts

25. I have no knowledge of any of the matters referred to under this term of reference.

Queensland Race Product Co Limited and Tatts Group

26. I have no knowledge of any of the matters referred to under this term of reference.

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Funds Transfer in February 2012

27. I have no knowledge of any of the matters referred to under this term of reference.
28. I do not hold any paperwork from either the SCTC or the Trust.
29. All the facts and circumstances above deposed to are within my own knowledge save such as are deposed to from information only and my means of knowledge and sources of information appear on the face of this my affidavit.

SWORN by Donald Leslie Moffatt on 25 July 2013

At Maroochydore in the presence of:

Deponent



~~Barrister/Solicitor/Justice of the Peace/
Commissioner for Declarations~~