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## **Supreme Court of NSW refuses to grant injunction sought by Veterinarians**

The Supreme Court of New South Wales yesterday refused to grant an injunction in the terms sought by five veterinarians; Dr Ross Pedrana, Dr David Johnson, Dr Allan Frogley, Dr Nicholas Kannegieter and Dr Lawler.

Those veterinarians had applied for an interlocutory injunction restraining Racing NSW from proceeding with LR82C on 15 January 2014, which requires veterinarians to be licensed by Racing NSW in order to provide veterinary services to Thoroughbred horses in training or competing in New South Wales.

In making his ruling, his Honour Justice Rothman expressed the view that the veterinarians did not have a strong case and set the matter down for final hearing on 4 February 2013. His Honour did make an order that Racing NSW not prevent those five veterinarians only from providing veterinary services to racehorses for not holding a licence in the period between 15 January 2014 and 4 February 2014.

Racing NSW Chief Executive, Peter V'landys, said: "The integrity of Thoroughbred racing is crucial to public confidence in the sport. Of critical importance, particularly given the blight of drugs in sports, is that all persons involved in racing are subject to the Rules of Racing.

"Racing NSW is committed to ensuring that veterinarians, like all others involved in Thoroughbred racing, are subject to those Rules and is confident that the Supreme Court will uphold that licensing regime at the final hearing on 4 February 2013.

"In this respect, it is unfortunate that the AVA [Australian Veterinary Association] continues to provide misinformation not only about Racing NSW's efforts to protect the integrity of racing, but also about the Court's view of the challenge of the veterinarians to Racing NSW's licensing regime."

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