

BETWEEN **DRUG FREE SPORT NEW ZEALAND**
 Applicant

AND **MICHAEL GREGORY STRICKLAND**
 Respondent

AND **NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE**
 Interested Party

**PROVISIONAL SUSPENSION ORDER AND
MINUTE OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
DATED 27 MARCH 2018**

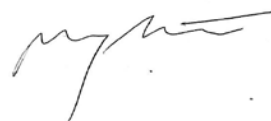
Present: Harriet Bush, counsel for Applicant
 Gregory Strickland, Respondent
 Kevin Bailey, for New Zealand Rugby League

Chairman: Sir Bruce Robertson

Registrar: Neela Clinton

1. Gregory Strickland was a member of New Zealand Rugby League at the time of the alleged breaches. New Zealand Rugby League has adopted the Sports Anti-Doping Rules (SADR) promulgated by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) as its anti-doping policy.
2. On 20 March 2018, DFSNZ filed an Application for the Provisional Suspension of Mr Strickland alleging breaches of 2015 SADR 2.6 and 2.2.
3. A telephone conference was convened by the Tribunal Chairman on 27 March 2018 in respect of the Provisional Suspension Application. Mr Strickland advised that he did not oppose the provisional suspension application.
4. Accordingly, and being satisfied that there was no substantive reason why provisional suspension should not be imposed, the Tribunal Chairman ordered the provisional suspension of Mr Strickland with immediate effect from 27 March 2018. Mr Strickland may not take part in any way in any event or activity, organised, sanctioned or authorised by New Zealand Rugby League or by any other sporting organisation which is a signatory to the SADR.
5. The following timetabling orders were made in relation to the substantive anti-doping rule violation proceedings:
 - (a) DFSNZ is to file and serve any written material in support of its Form 1 by 6 April 2018;
 - (b) the Respondent is to file and serve his Form 2 together with any evidence and other written material in support by 20 April 2018; and
 - (c) a further teleconference is set for 9.00am on 30 April 2018.
6. A copy of this Provisional Suspension Order and Minute will be sent to the parties but otherwise should remain confidential until publication of the final decision on the Anti-Doping Rule Violations. All other process steps under the SADR should similarly remain confidential.

Dated: 27 March 2018



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Sir Bruce Robertson
Chairman