

1. Paul Clout was a member of New Zealand Football at the time of the alleged breaches. New Zealand Football has adopted the Sports Anti-Doping Rules (SADR) promulgated by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) as its anti-doping policy.
2. On 29 January 2019, DFSNZ filed an Application for the Provisional Suspension of Mr Clout alleging breaches of 2018 SADR 2.1. The Application stated that a sample taken from Mr Clout on 2 December 2018 had confirmed the presence of Probenecid, a specified substance prohibited in competition under the WADA 2018 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods.
3. A telephone conference was scheduled on 7 February 2019 for the Tribunal Chairman to consider the Provisional Suspension Application. On 5 February 2019, counsel filed a joint memorandum advising that the Application would not be opposed.
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 Clout with immediate effect from 5 February 2019. Mr Clout may not take part in any way in any event or activity, organised, sanctioned or authorised by New Zealand Football or by any other sporting organisation which is a signatory to the SADR.
5. The joint memorandum of 5 February 2019 also proposed timetabling directions. The Chairman considered the proposed directions and made the following timetabling orders in relation to the substantive anti-doping rule violation proceedings:
 - (a) DFSNZ is to file and serve its Form 1 and any written material in support of it by **15 February 2019**;
 - (b) the Respondent is to file and serve his Form 2 together with any evidence and other written material in support by **1 March 2019**;
 - (c) DFSNZ to file any statements in response and memorandum by **15 March 2019**;
and
 - (d) a pre-hearing teleconference is set for **9am on 20 March 2019**.

6. A copy of this Provisional Suspension Order 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: 5 February 2019



Sir Bruce Robertson
Chairman