Upon arrival at the racecourse at approximately 10.40 am Stewards immediately conducted a routine inspection of the track and noted some sections of the track, particularly the inside 4 horse widths from near the 1600 metres until near approximately the 900 metres, were inconsistent owing to rain in the lead up to race day. While Stewards did not deem the track unsafe, it was considered appropriate to alert the rider group to these inconsistencies. A delegation of the rider group inspected the affected areas of the track. After inspection the rider group made a submission to Stewards, expressing their concern with the affected areas of the track, which in their opinion was unsafe for racing.

In order to further assess the track, race times were altered prior to the commencement of Race 1. All races were moved back one race and a new time slot for Race 7 was determined. Following further inspection by a delegation of the rider group and Stewards, and a gallop over part of an affected area of concern by the clerk of the course, the track condition was again considered by the rider delegation and the Stewards. Following this inspection, Stewards were satisfied that the track was safe for racing, however, after a meeting of the rider group, representatives of the rider group informed Stewards they were withdrawing their services for the meeting as they believed the track was unsafe for racing. Consequently the race meeting was declared “cancelled” at 12.55 pm.

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