



## Supreme Court of New Zealand

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**Lisa Kathryn Cropp v A Judicial Committee and Bryan Francis McKenzie  
(SC 68/2007 [2008])**

### **PRESS SUMMARY**

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The Supreme Court has unanimously dismissed an appeal by Lisa Cropp challenging the validity of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing's Rules of Racing authorising random drug-testing of jockeys. The Court has held that s 29 of the Racing Act 2003 does authorise the rules under which Ms Cropp currently faces a charge relating to the alleged presence of amphetamine and methamphetamine in a urine sample she was required to supply at a race meeting at Te Rapa on 7 May 2005. The Court has found that the rules do not infringe the human rights of a jockey as recognised at common law or a jockey's right to be secure against unreasonable search or seizure as guaranteed by s 21 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

The hearing before a Judicial Committee established under the Racing Act has stood adjourned pending the result of Ms Cropp's appeal.

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