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### **STATEMENT ON COMPLAINT AGAINST FORMER PARRAMATTA LEAGUES CLUB BOARD**

The NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority Board has issued “show cause” notices to Parramatta Leagues Club and four of its former directors in relation to the club’s breaches of the NRL salary cap.

The action is a result of the Authority’s consideration of a complaint by Liquor & Gaming NSW, which conducted an investigation last year.

The “show cause” notices invite four former directors to respond to Liquor & Gaming NSW’s contention that they are not “fit and proper” persons to hold key positions of a registered club.

Under the NSW Registered Clubs Act, the club could face fines up to \$250,000 and the former directors could be banned from being on the governing body of any registered club in NSW for up to three years.

The next step in the process will involve the parties providing written submissions and evidence, with the possibility of a meeting or conference being convened under section 36B of the Gaming and Liquor Administration Act 2007.

The Authority will then issue findings on the grounds specified in the complaint.

If any grounds are established, the parties will then have an opportunity to make submissions on the issue of what, if any, disciplinary action should be taken against the club or individuals.

In July last year, the Authority found the Parramatta Leagues Club Board had ceased to be effective and resolved to replace it with a temporary administrator, Max Donnelly of Ferrier Hodgson.

In February, a new board was appointed with Mr Donnelly remaining as chair.

The Authority is unable to make any further comment on its consideration of the complaint until the process is completed.

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