

**BETWEEN DRUG FREE SPORT NEW ZEALAND**

**Applicant**

**AND SILIGA KEPAOA**

**Respondent**

**AND NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE**

**Interested Party**

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**PROVISIONAL SUSPENSION ORDER AND  
MINUTE OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCE  
DATED 13 NOVEMBER 2017**

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**Present:** Paul David QC, counsel for Applicant  
Phillip Cornegé, counsel for Respondent

**Deputy Chairperson:** Dr James Farmer QC

**Registrar:** Neela Clinton

1. Siliga Kepaoa is a member of New Zealand Rugby League which has adopted the Sports Anti-Doping Rules (SADR) promulgated by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) as its anti-doping policy.
2. On 8 November 2017, DFSNZ filed an Application for the Provisional Suspension of Mr Kepaoa.
3. A telephone conference was convened by the Tribunal Deputy Chairperson on 13 November 2017 in respect of the provisional suspension application. Counsel for the Respondent advised that Mr Kepaoa did not oppose the provisional suspension application and waived his right to request a "B" sample analysis.
4. Accordingly, and being satisfied that there was no substantive reason why provisional suspension should not be imposed, the Tribunal Deputy Chair ordered the provisional suspension of Mr Kepaoa with immediate effect from 13 November 2017. Mr Kepaoa 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 its Form 1 and written material in support by 5pm on 17 November 2017;
  - (b) the Respondent is to file and serve his Form 2 together with any evidence and other written material in support by 5pm on 1 December 2017; and
  - (c) DFSNZ is to file and serve any written material in response by 5pm on 15 December 2017.
6. Leave is reserved for the parties to request a further teleconference regarding pre-hearing matters if required and to confirm a hearing date.
7. A copy of this 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 SADR should similarly remain confidential.

Dated: 13 November 2017



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**Dr James Farmer QC**  
**Deputy Chairperson**