

Veterinary Board of Tasmania Formal Inquiry into the Conduct of Dr R C Coates

On February 12, 2009 the Veterinary Board of Tasmania held an inquiry into the following matters, in respect of which Robert Christopher Coates was required to show cause why he should not be dealt with under the *Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1987*.

Particulars

1. Contrary to the provisions of the *Veterinary Surgeons Act* Robert Christopher Coates failed on 2 occasions to provide statements required, as requested by the Board.
2. Contrary to *Veterinary Surgeons Act* and the requirements of the *Poisons Act*, Robert Christopher Coates allowed unlabelled restricted veterinary drugs to be supplied by an unauthorized person or persons from his premises.
3. Contrary to the *Standards of Veterinary Practice* of the Veterinary Board of Tasmania, and contrary to the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Order 2001* Robert Christopher Coates supplied restricted drugs per post having not previously visited the property or examined the cows to be treated.

Dr Coates was found guilty on all matters.

The penalty imposed by the Board is that Dr Coates be ineligible to apply for registration in Tasmania pursuant to the Act for a period of 3 years and that he shall pay a fine of \$5000 plus costs.