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ASADA clears Ian Thorpe

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) has closed its examination of a sample provided by Ian Thorpe on 29 May 2006.

The ASADA Members determined on 29 August 2007 that the evidence available does not indicate the use of performance enhancing substances by Mr Thorpe and that he has no case to answer.

ASADA's comprehensive review included an examination of the athlete's recent test history and athlete supplied medical documentation in line with the World Anti-Doping Agency Code.

ASADA sought expert medical and scientific opinion from the Australian Sports Drug Medical Advisory Committee (ASDMAC); the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accredited laboratories in Sydney, Australia and Montreal, Canada; and the ANZAC Research Institute in Sydney.

Experts from these internationally respected organisations were unanimous in their opinion that the evidence available does not indicate the use of performance enhancing substances by the athlete.

While the matter has taken some time to resolve, ASADA was absolutely determined to ensure that the results of our examination would leave no room for doubt. ASADA thanks Mr Thorpe for agreeing to disclose the outcome of its review process but notes that the matter otherwise continues to remain confidential.

ASADA considers the matter closed.

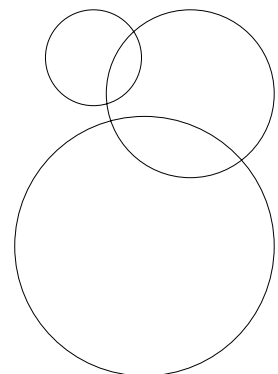
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