

Agriculture and Environment Committee

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Sent: Thursday, 21 January 2016 2:16 PM
To: Agriculture and Environment Committee
Subject: Submission with regards to the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Bill

Agricultural and Environmental Committee,

To the Committee,

I strongly refute the proposed Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Bill. It is devastating to the three codes of racing (Thoroughbreds, Harness, Greyhounds) in Queensland. It is devastating to country racing that has flourished for over 100 years. I abhor the proposed makeup of the future seven person Racing Board. I believe the Board should be made up of selected racing participants duly elected by the racing communities.

I believe the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Bill will have an adverse effect on local businesses, employment will soar, and will cause hardship to jockeys, strappers, trainers, owners. The government will suffer in the way of raising revenue from decreased wagering.

I am closely associated in racing, being a licenced bookmaker for 48 years, Vice President and director of the Queensland Bookmakers Association, President of Kilcoy Race Club Inc., Life Member of City Tattersalls Club Sydney a race horse owner and horse breeder.

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