

Agriculture and Environment Committee

From: GK and CA Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 21 January 2016 9:23 PM
To: Agriculture and Environment Committee
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Racing Integrity Bill

I am a small breeder who sells and races horses. We have 3 yearlings for the Magic Millions March sale. I'm very concerned about the proposals being put forward in the Bill.

To start with I do not know why this current government chose to use this industry to score political points by seeking media attention for the so-called losses incurred by Qld Racing, and lumping the horse racing industry in with the bad deeds of a few in the Greyhound industry.

Why can't successive governments see what has been achieved in NSW and Vic. for their racing industries and realise that a thriving industry in Qld can be beneficial to all parties including government.

I know it has been a difficult time with Eagle Farm being out of action for so long but if some of the proposals in this Bill are enacted it will have a hugely detrimental effect on many facets of the Qld industry. We are struggling to keep our small business going and to make it viable. We have grave fears for the sale in March with all the bad publicity.

I ask you to seriously consider all options before enacting some of the recommendations in this Bill.

Yours Sincerely

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Owners and Breeders.