

Agriculture and Environment Committee

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I write in my capacity as a small participant in the thoroughbred industry as a breeder. While the big media focus is around the Magic Millions Premier sale at the Gold Coast in the first 2 weeks of January, the big majority of breeders do not have horses capable of going to this sale. The great majority of breeders are industry battlers whose collective investments go towards the employment of a great number of people both directly and indirectly. The QTIS scheme was seen as a saviour by many breeders who were on the edge of reducing or eliminating their investment in the industry. For battler breeders at the middle and bottom end of the market it is very hard to turn a profit. QTIS WAS THE REASON MANY WERE PREPARED TO KEEP GOING. To have this incentive to buyers of Queensland horses significantly reduced will have a profound impact of future breeding investments and as a flow on considerable impact on the jobs in the industry. It is an employment intensive industry and many jobs are at the lower paid end of the spectrum where people are in the industry because they love the horses and have a passion for the industry. I would ask that the Government thing hard about an industry that is a part of Australian history and culture. Please accept this email as a formal submission. My address is [REDACTED] Eight Mile Plains. Qld. 4013. I can be contacted on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely
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