

## **Agriculture and Environment Committee**

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**From:** Wendy Bannerot [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 24 January 2016 3:08 PM  
**To:** Agriculture and Environment Committee  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Racing industry bill

Dear parliament,

I am a racehorse trainer and equine rehabilitation clinic in Qld. I employ seven staff, three farriers and four veterinarians. We send 5-8 mares to Queensland stallions each year. If the bill is passed as proposed I will have to close my doors, the increase in prizemoney that occurred in the recent past has allowed my business to become viable and expand, I don't believe you understand the amount of people that rely on this industry or are involved in racing. Many of the more basic ground staff and riders are unemployable outside of racing. The costs involved with caring for and feeding horses alone have significantly increased, the prize money at the present only helps owners to support their horses, and unless they are lucky enough to have a very good horse, they are out of pocket each month for training fees, if you reduce prizemoney and decrease the available races for these types of horses there will be no owners that will remain invested. It just will make no financial sense. No owner will send a horse to Queensland to race for peanuts in a competitive provincial or country setting when they can stay on Nsw or go over the border and race for 20,000 plus on Nsw country tracks.

I support the resolutions put forward at the doomben rally :

- 1. The Industry rejects the proposal to implement a Board with a majority membership of non-industry knowledgeable people.**
- 2. The Industry requires the government to, within 1 month, appoint a Board under the current structure, with appropriate input from Industry.**
- 3. That until a Board has been implemented and given sufficient time to assess the current situation and devise and agree a strategy, no changes are implemented.**

Regards  
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