

Agriculture and Environment Committee

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To: Agriculture and Environment Committee
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Subject: Submission to proposed racing bill

I wish to submit my opposition to the proposed changes in the racing bill which is to be submitted to Parliament in the near future. I cannot believe that there is an intention to cut prizemoney to all race clubs who are struggling at the moment and already well behind prizemoney paid in NSW. I believe there should be an increase in our prizemoney to bring us into line with NSW. There is a grave fear that Queensland racehorse owners will no longer buy horses to race in Queensland when there is better rewards over the border. This in turn will cost the racing industry in Queensland so many jobs, well into the thousands.

I listen to the Premier on about jobs, jobs and more jobs but is prepared to sacrifice so many in one foul swoop in one of Queensland's biggest industries and suppliers of employment, more often in the lower end of our community who would otherwise find it hard to gain employment of any nature.

It is also hard to understand why the bill would consider cutting Racing Club's operating subsidy as they need this to keep the doors open. If there are cuts in this area, it will surely mean loss of even more jobs at the Clubs themselves statewide.

Then there is the issue of the Board structure. How can a board, made up of people who have no racing experience, expect to be successful. I believe that there are quite a number of suitably qualified and experienced personnel out there who could run the Board professionally and successfully.

As a racehorse owner of many years, I will not be buying anymore if this bill is passed and there will be countless others of the same opinion.

This is a surefire way to destroy one of Queensland's leading industry and provider of at least 30,000 jobs directly and many, many more indirectly throughout the State.

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