

## **Agriculture and Environment Committee**

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### **Submission to the Agriculture and Environment Committee**

#### **RE: The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Bill**

I am the principal of Qld's largest thoroughbred stud farm, Glenlogan Park.

As way of a short background, we have been operating since 1988 and currently employ over 40 people to help operate the farm.

Our annual turnover within the local community exceeds \$10 million and has done so for the last 15 years.

I have held a number of positions within the industry, including Chairman of the Owners Association and member of the BRC committee.

Our ongoing investment and commitment to Qld is currently substantial, however all of that will be put under serious review should the Bill, in its proposed form, be passed.

My main concerns are:

- **Racing Queensland All Codes Board members, Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson:** The proposed 7 member board, of which 4 are to have no industry participation within the last 2 years, is completely unacceptable and is a recipe for disaster. For the thoroughbred industry, who is by far and away the greatest employee and revenue raiser of all the racing codes, to only have 1 person representing them on a 7 person board is deplorable. The Board structure needs to be able to implement the goals of the industry, and for that to be done effectively the Board members must have a thorough and in-depth knowledge of how all sectors functions.
- **Integrity Commission Funding:** The racing industry should not be treated differently to any other industry in this state in relation to integrity commission fees. Therefore, asking it to be responsible for the cost of this process is in direct contrast to all other such industries and this section needs to be withdrawn.

Furthermore, we need knowledgeable and experienced people in positions of CEO, Operations, Programming and Board Members as a matter of priority.

In Qld, we are currently suffering from a serious lack of confidence and optimism and this needs to be addressed urgently.

There are numerous quality people available who can take over the helm and satisfy the needs of the government as well as helping restore industry trust and confidence.

If steps are not taken shortly to address these matters then I fear that it will take years to rebuild racing and breeding within Qld – that is if it retrievable at all.

I would be available for any further information if required.

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