

Agriculture and Environment Committee

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To: Agriculture and Environment Committee
Subject: Racing Integrity Bill Submission

Submission to the Agriculture and Environment Committee

RE: The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Bill

To Whom It May Concern,

I have been involved in the breeding and racing industry on a full time basis for the last 25 years and I am both the Manager of Qld's largest thoroughbred stud farm, [REDACTED] as well as being an individual breeder who has a turnover of approx. \$400,000 per annum.

I would like to express my utmost disappointment with the way the thoroughbred industry has been treated in light of the greyhound live baiting scenario. It is important to note that they had the exact same issues in both NSW and Victoria, yet their thoroughbred industries have continued to go from strength to strength whilst Qld's has been brought to its knees. And this is solely as a result of how this has been handled from a government and administration viewpoint.

Knowingly, or unknowingly, those actions have now jeopardised many thousands of jobs and much investment within the state. It has been nothing short of disastrous!

The implementation of the new Racing Integrity Bill would only further drive nails into the coffin if allowed to be passed in its current fashion.

The main problem we currently face is a lack of leadership because the current team at RQ have zero knowledge and experience. The proposed Board structure in this new Bill will only further heighten the problems we face and the lack of representation for the thoroughbreds is frightening.

As an industry we contribute over \$28 million annually to government through wagering revenue as well as being the 3rd largest employer in the state – yet this new Bill proposes we be directed by a group of people with no recent background in our industry to help it grow and prosper.

The Board structure is simply unacceptable on all levels.

I would be happy to appear before the committee if requested.

Regards

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