

## **Agriculture and Environment Committee**

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**Subject:** Proposed legislation to destroy horse racing

Hello

Please do not pass the proposed changes to defund the horse racing industry in Qld. We have a proud horse racing/breeding heritage in Qld. It is part of our history and present but will it be part of our future? Up to the 89 politicians in Qld I guess.

I have four broodmares that have been going to Qld based sires for six years - I am a small time breeder but even my operation has supported the local industry of horse studs, produce stores, vets, transport companies, lucerne suppliers, hard feed suppliers etc to the tune of \$45000 in 2014/15 financial year alone. Multiply this by six to get a \$270000 investment to reflect the investment I have made in Qld since starting our business in 2009 - I will cease my investment in the Qld economy if these changes are passed.

If the changes are passed I will be moving my mares to NSW and/or Victoria. It will simply be unsustainable to run a profitable horse breeding industry in Qld with the proposed cuts to prizemoney, QTIS bonuses and the Breeders Bonus (which was self funded by breeders).

The horse racing and breeding industries in Qld together represent the third biggest industry in Qld. Why our industry is being treated with such disregard is unfathomable.

The fallout will be enormous.

Please do not pass this destructive legislation.

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