

## **Agriculture and Environment Committee**

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**From:** Peter Hogan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 January 2016 7:55 PM  
**To:** Agriculture and Environment Committee  
**Cc:** Jann Stuckey  
**Subject:** The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Bill

Dear Sir/Madam

As a racehorse owner, Country Race Club member and keen punter I write to advise that I am not in favour of the Bill being passed as it will have a devastating effect on racing, breeding, country race clubs, jockeys, trainers, strappers, owners and local business.

The proposed Integrity Bill in its current form, is definitely not in the best interests of the entire Queensland racing and breeding industry.

The McSparran Enquiry Terms of Reference were explicit and were limited to the greyhound industry. As such, the Executive Summary must be similarly limited. It must surely follow that his recommendations can only be addressed in that limited context.

Yet the recommendations have been extended into the harness racing and thoroughbred. The drafting of legislation encompassing the harness and thoroughbred industries was conducted without cause and without the benefit of any informed submissions from anyone representing those industries.

The Bill should therefore be withdrawn.

I also object to the proposed 7 member board of which only 3 have racing experience.

By appointing non-racing people to these positions totally removes from the Participants any effective influence on the business of racing. This may have been the intention, but I submit this is unacceptable.

I also object to the cuts in prize money, particularly to non metro races. I have raced horses at a number of Queensland and Victorian racetracks and in the last 2 years been fortunate to have won races at Toowoomba, Sunshine Coast, Doomben, Eagle Farm as well as Sandown and Flemington. The costs associated with being a race horse owner are extremely high. The proposed cuts are unacceptable and are likely to force owners to either reduce their level of ownership or to race their horses interstate.

One of the joys of ownership is watching your horse barrier trial locally and race in S E Qld be it at, Dalby, Toowoomba, Gatton or at a Brisbane Metro Track. The proposed prize money cuts will force Qld owners to race more of their horses interstate and be denied the enjoyment of actually watching their horses perform live.

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