The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Bill

Submission to the Agriculture and Environment Committee

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Corfield Race Club is not in favour of the Bill being passed, as it will have a devastating effect on racing.

If Queensland Racing were to reduce the prize money and number of race meetings it would not be viable for the trainers, jockeys, farriers and owners, along with veterinarians and feed merchants alike.

Country racing has been a training ground, for those who know racing; they would realize that many of the top trainers, jockeys and stipendiary stewards have been nurtured in country clubs. Many unsuccessful metropolitan horses filter into country racing, keeping the wheels of the racing industry turning.

A huge issue and concern is that most of the districts involved with country racing have been in severe drought for the last 3 to 4 years. These race meetings have provided a vital social outlet for the communities, with depression being a major issue in all areas, racing connects people and presents the opportunity to go out and interact in a social environment.

As a country race club we feel the proposed Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Bill would be extremely detrimental to our club and community.

Yours Faithfully,

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