

SUBMISSION REGARDING THE QUEENSLAND RACING INTEGRITY COMMISSION BILL

Attn: AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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I, Basil Nolan, have been involved in the Thoroughbred Racing and Breeding Industry since 1957. My family founded Raheen Stud in 1957 and to this day it has continued to grow and breed and race horses. We now have the fourth generation involved in the Stud.

We have employment for fourteen (14) full time staff plus vets, farriers, maintenance staff and a huge volume of supporting businesses to keep the operation functioning.

The reason that I am opposed to this Bill is that the structure of the Bill at the moment is that the board will consist of four independent people who have had no involvement with racing for the previous two years. This is an extremely dangerous criteria as a successful racing board requires persons with an intimate and long involvement in the industry. Our livelihoods will depend on decisions that this board makes in the future and it is imperative that we have a board consisting of persons with knowledge and understanding of the industry.

The Integrity Bill in its present form does not allow for any participation from the stakeholders and this is a dangerous precedent to set and in all other Racing jurisdictions the cost of the Integrity Bills are born by the Governments not the industries.

I will make myself available to appear before the Agriculture and Environment Committee on 17 July, 2016.

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