

**Submission to the Agriculture and Environment Committee**

**RE: The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Bill**

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**To Whom It May Concern,**

I, Jane McNamara, [REDACTED] Hughenden 4821, do not support The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Bill being presented or passed, as it will be the death of Racing in Queensland. The Report Tracking to Sustainability should also be shredded.

Why is it that when there was an integrity issue with Greyhounds that the Thoroughbred and Trotting sectors have been brought to their knees with over governance and innuendo. This situation is as bad for Queensland as the knee jerk reaction that a similar government made to a single issue within the Live Trade industry. Crucify all for the mistakes of the minority.

Country racing is the nursery and school place of Queensland Racing. Trainers, jockeys, administrators and racing officials are mostly trained in country race clubs. The less credentialed horses find their way to country owners who cannot afford overpriced metropolitan race horses.

My family and myself have been involved in racing for over a century, with myself as a club secretary and delegate to the racing industry (North Queensland Racing Association) for a period of 39 years. In that time the only positive forward thinking administrations for racing in Queensland have been under conservative governments. Whenever the governments such as our present government are in power racing is treated like an unwanted relative.

Racing is part of the fabric of our communities and provides much needed entertainment, mental health stress relief and training in all manner of sectors from animal husbandry to administration. The demise of the racing industry as being mooted with this legislation will see the racing industry slip further backwards until it is no longer sustainable.

- Racing needs to be run by racing and industry professionals.
- Queensland Racing must be divorced from the hands of Bob Bentley and Bill Ludwig. They nearly destroyed the industry before and must not be allowed to finish the job that they started and were not allowed to finish.
- Queensland Racing must get their house in order by appointing a properly constituted board.

As the long time participant, administrator and advocate for Country Racing I feel the proposed Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Bill would be extremely detrimental to all concerned in the racing industry from the patrons to the horse breeders and industry suppliers. Give us the incentive to progress and proceed, not the overburden of unwanted and unworkable legislation.

Yours Faithfully,

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