

Agriculture and Environment Committee

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To: Agriculture and Environment Committee
Subject: FW: QUEENSLAND RACING INTEGRITY COMMISSION BILL

Submission to Parliamentary Committee.

The "Queensland Trainers Association Inc." Represent possibly the largest number of people of any Thoroughbred Association in Queensland. Our membership is open to all person and organisation interested in Racing.

While trainers are possibly the largest sector of our membership, we do have many Owners, Jockeys, Bookmakers and Strappers as members.

Our membership covers most parts of Queensland, which other Association don't.

In our submission we want to generalise rather than make specific recommendations.

The MacSporran Inquiry was basically set up to investigate matters relating to Greyhounds, however made recommendation affecting Thoroughbreds and Trotters.

The main issue we have as Participants is this, and it's in practice now,

The Participants are being help responsible for the Budget Outcomes when they have no input into decision making process, setting the budget and preparing funding agreement etc.

The 30 year agreement with Ubet is very disappointing. 30 years with no review clauses or options!!!!!!

The Eagle Farm and Townsville tracks were closed for upgrade before any contracts were signs or the funding agreed upon. This was bad management but the participants are responsible for the financial losses that have occurred.

While the Three racing codes are like scrambled eggs it's not possible nor practicable to hold any one sector responsible while the decision making is made by others in administration who take no financial responsibility for the budget.

Presently the participants are having to take a **pay cut and pay increased fees** to help bring the budget back into line. No one else is having to take a pay cut.

The Queensland Trainers Association Inc. (QTA) cannot see any improvement in the recommendation made by the MacSporran report.

The Thoroughbred should be separated from the other two codes. I cannot speak for the other codes but they possibly feel the same way.

Racing Queensland needs to be an Administrator of Racing, and Let the Clubs (Regions) be the operators of Racing.

No consideration has been given to the vastness of our state and the diversification of interest throughout the regions.

The QTA strongly recommends that further consideration and consultation with the thoroughbred industry before implementing change.

sincerely

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