



Bahram Stud does not support the implementation of the Queensland Racing Integrity Bill. We firmly believe that the Government has reacted in a haphazard manner to the greyhound live-baiting scandal to the detriment of the thoroughbred and harness racing industries.

We believe that live-baiting is a national issue, and yet racing codes in other states have not been penalised. Sonador Lodge believes that the McSparran recommendations were limited to the greyhound industry, and as such, the thoroughbred and harness industries should not be subject to change.

Bahram Stud strongly opposes the proposed structure of the All Codes Board. Any organisation, let alone one dealing with millions and millions of dollars, needs a board of experienced leaders who possess the business acumen in this industry. To suggest that only three of the seven members should have racing experience is one of sheer lunacy and could potentially lead to serious mismanagement issues. The racing industry is very unique, and unless you have experience in the industry, there is no way you can understand the costs and problems associated within the industry, nor could sensible and effective plans be put in place in order for the industry to grow.

Bahram Stud believes that any Racing Queensland Board needs to be of members with racing industry experience, combined with strong business and marketing acumen.

The QRIB suggests that the racing industry fund the Commission. The State Government has been touting a \$28 million blow-out in the industry and is cutting prizemoney and race meetings to compensate for that. They say the industry is struggling financially, yet expect us to pay for this commission – a commission that no-one in the industry even wants! This is a ridiculous and unrealistic suggestion.

Funding should be reinvested in prizemoney and not used for the funding of commission. This would not happen in any other industry, and should not happen here in Queensland.

Bahram Stud is also very concerned about the proposal to standardise racing. This is unrealistic and would be unworkable. This does not take into account the different size tracks, attendance rates, TAB/Non-TAB meetings and other circumstances that make each race meeting unique.

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