

## **Agriculture and Environment Committee**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 27 January 2016 11:34 AM  
**To:** Agriculture and Environment Committee  
**Subject:** Submission - The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Bill

To who it may concern,

At the January meeting of the Toowoomba Turf Club committee it was resolved to make a submission expressing the concerns of club members and local racing industry. In particular the following sections are of concern;

### **Section 319 9AI Members**

The TTC does not agree with the proposed board structure. Having an larger proportion of the board with no industry experience will likely result in short term decision making without proper consideration of all flow on effects. This is evidenced in the current Racing Queensland administration including the Acting Chief Executive Officer, the inexperienced executive team and the Chairperson having little racing industry experience or knowledge.

The current Racing Queensland administration has jeopardised the Toowoomba racing industry putting at risk 1600 Toowoomba employees directly employed by racing participants on the Darling Downs. A 14% downturn in prizemoney will likely cause a direct loss of 225 jobs in this region.

The Tracking Towards Sustainability report prepared by the existing inexperienced Racing Queensland administration has foreshadowed a \$2.5M reduction in Club operating subsidies per annum. This will result in an estimated \$200,000 reduction to the TTC per year. This will result in the likely redundancy in four full time employees of the TTC. A proposed 'reward' funding pool of \$1M will be offered under this plan and will only turn the clubs against each other desperately scavenging over the remaining funds. Another example of short minded decision making without full understanding of the flow on effects. An experience board would understand these flow on implications and would avoid such a position.

**The Toowoomba Turf Club submits that this clause is deleted.**

### **Section 321 Amendment of s 9 AL**

It is the opinion of the TTC committee that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson should have racing industry experience.

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**THERE IS SUFFICIENT CONCERN FROM THE TOOWOOMBA TURF CLUB AND RACING COMMUNITY REGARDING THE MATTERS RAISED THAT THE TTC RECOMMENDS THAT THE BILL BE WITHDRAWN.**

I request that the Chairman and Chief Executive of the TTC be invited to any public hearing of this Bill.

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