

Agriculture and Environment Committee

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To: Agriculture and Environment Committee
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: rejection of this Bill

Submission Regarding the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Bill

ATT: Agriculture and Environment Committee

Warrandale Stud is a small breeding farm, a spelling farm and the owner of racehorses.

We at Warrandale Stud are unanimous in the rejection of this Bill, the rejection of the Tracking Towards Sustainability Plan and the current lack of leadership and on-going mismanagement in Racing Queensland.

The breeding industry in Queensland has struggled from the lack of prize money in Racing for years. The small breeders have been struggling and just clinging on to financial viability in the hope of the Racing Industry being rejuvenated with Increases in prize money equivalent to our neighbors across the border.

I for one decided to sell the majority of my mares due to the uncertainty. When we were told by the previous government of the increase in prize money across the board, and particularly with the QTIS scheme, confidence was once again restored. On the back of that forecast a great number of us reinvested what money we had and could borrow on restocking for our bright future. Now with the demise of prize money once again we are now considerably worse off than before due to mass financial debt being taken in what was looking like a bright future. Already we have lost clients to NSW farms and with the March QTIS Sale upcoming the industry is once again lacking confidence.

Our breeding farms are only viable if the Racing Industry is healthy. It's not only unhealthy...It's bleeding.

My farm directly contributes to Farriers, Vet's, Feed Merchants, Agricultural and Machinery Suppliers, Transport Industry, Crop Growers as well as staff. If we go, so do a lot of them.

We are rudderless and becalmed and need help from the government not further harm.

Statistics showing our lack of potential

Australian Racing Statistics

source: Racing Australia Factbook

2013-14	NSW	VIC	QLD
Total Races	5,512	4,242	4,787
Total Horses	10,839	8,712	7,464
Total Starters	54,922	41,956	43,989
Prizemoney	\$165,482,200	\$157,140,383	\$82,709,967
Incentive Scheme Payouts	\$10,633,072	\$7,991,350	\$6,000,800

Fees Paid by Owners	\$5,966,000	\$9,907,864	\$8,034,461
Total Return to Owners	\$185,892,564	\$172,223,869	\$106,988,276

Breeding Distribution

source: Australian Stud Book

	NSW	VIC	QLD
2013-14			
Stallions	246	181	185
% total	33 %	24%	25%
Broodmares	8,483	5,614	4,334
% total	37%	24 %	19%
Mares Covered	9,605	5,376	3,585
% total	45%	25 %	17%
Foals	6,451	3,426	2,285
% total	45%	24 %	16%

Save our industry do not destroy it.

Regards

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