

## Submission to the Agriculture and Environment Committee

### Racing Integrity Bill 2015

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I am presenting this submission as an industry participant who relies solely on thoroughbred racing and breeding for my livelihood and significant investment of the majority of my assets in the industry and as such have a vested interest.

Please consider the following points with regard to the bill.

1. The concept of separation of powers of integrity from the business of racing has merit. The bill is in response to the issues arising from poor integrity management and is justified but that justification does not extend to the changing of the nature of the appointment of the Racing Board that manages the business of racing. The act of separation of the integrity powers would be enough of a change to address the "issues" to go further and then change the board responsible for the business of racing where the balance of the board including the chair and deputy are not racing representatives is to impact the business of racing for no good purpose. As such section 321 amendment of s 9AL (Chairperson and deputy chairperson of all-codes board) (1) Section 9AL, heading, 'of all-codes board'— and 319 Replacement of ss 9AI and 9AJ Sections 9AI and 9AJ— are not necessary and would be detrimental to the business of racing.

2. There may be justification for a change in the way the Racing Board is appointed because for far too long it has been a cycle of political appointments and sackings which has been to the detriment of the business of racing. If there is such a change to be made the racing minister would be sensible to consult industry before any legislation was drafted and in this case we have had no consultation in this regard

3. The bill raises questions about the role of government in the business of racing.

One of the primary objectives of the Racing Board is to grow (promote is used) the business of racing. A major and significant function and probably the primary function of the business of racing is about gambling and growing gambling revenue, this leads to the question of should government have a role in growing gambling revenue.

If the answer to this is "no" which I suggest it is, then the amendments to the legislation should reflect the removal of government where possible from the business of racing and hand control back to people of racing.

The government has a role and the bill reflects this in integrity as such the bill has justification but it leads that the government does not have a role in the business of the promotion of racing and any amendments should reflect this.

4. The bill states "The cost of the performance of the commission's functions is to be funded mainly by the control bodies" this makes sense BUT

"Part 7 Administration 56 Funding (2) The chief executive must—(a) decide the amount a control body must pay from time to time towards the cost of the performance of the commission's functions; and

(b) give the control body an invoice for the amount”

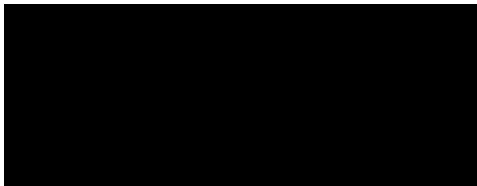
this is a total open book statement and should be amended to reflect the operational plans that are approved by the minister if not the cost of integrity could spiral out of control and be to the detriment of all participants.

And it follows that operational plans of integrity section Division 3 Strategic and operational plans in the bill should have mandated consultation processes with industry this then would create a feedback loop where the minister approves plans that have had a contribution from industry. This reflects the fact that industry has an absolute interest in the integrity, no industry person wishes to have a situation like this arise again.

#### 5. Standards

As an industry participant this section reads poorly and does not reflect the nature of our industry and the wide and varied functions and would need significant regulatory review as it is it would lead to the wholesale demise of many small country racing meetings and other activities like horse training barrier trials and unofficial jump outs it is a bit of a mess and poorly drafted. I suggest that this section be rewritten to reflect the nature of racing in Queensland.

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