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Dear Committee,

I note the submissions for the Queensland Racing Integrity Bill closed on the 27th January 2015,

But I would ask the Committee to accept my Submission?

The Somerset Region Council met on the 10th of February and endorsed my proposal to write and voice our concerns to the premier and various State members, About the Merit or Lack of Merit in the Queensland Racing Integrity Bill.

My background is that, I and my Father have both been involved in the Queensland Thoroughbred Racing industry as Trainers and Owners over a fifty year period.

Best Regards,

**Cr Bob Whalley**



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Dear Committee,

My name is Cr Bob Whalley, On the 10th of February at The Somerset regional council meeting I made the following statement.

As a Councillor with a keen Interest in growing our economy which in-turn strengthens the Social fabric of our Somerset Region. I feel compelled to speak out

Our Region is home to thousands of Horses , Standard bred - Pacers/ Thoroughbred Gallopers/ and Greyhound dogs who's Owners and Trainers ,Service providers Feed suppliers, and local Farmers will be directly affected , BY,

The merit or lack of merit of the Queensland Racing Integrity Bill. which has been Advocated by the State Labor Government on the back of the Mac Sporrans Report

Since 2010 under the Bligh Government we have been told, how good the merging of the codes would be, however it has been a rank failure, both sides of politics have tried to work with it and it has failed on all counts. Racing Queensland has not been able to administer the three codes together.

There is No Doubt that there is an Over-Arching Desire from the rank and file participants ,of all three codes, to be separated as they were previously .Different Culture evolve from different Codes and Since the three codes have been merged there has been Nothing but Suspicion/ Jealousy and Division

The Bill in its present form, must be defeated. The Bill provides for a lopsided seven member board and an independent chairman who, do not have any industry experience! Legislation does not allow for the separation of the three codes, but if this Bill is passed it will Kill off separation altogether, and this

**THIS WILL HAVE DYER CONSEQUENCES for all racing codes, in-turn affecting the region enormously!!**

The proposers of the bill are very mischievous in their approach, saying a vote against the bill is a vote against Integrity, but the devil is in the detail, We all want Integrity for each code, but this Bill needs to be Amended, Revised or thrown out!

The present proposal is fundamentally wrong and will be detrimental to the codes and the Lions share of stake holders Do Not Want It!!

Governments are elected to represent the people, Consult and make the fairest decision possible in the interest of the people involved. I ask, Is the Palaszczuk Government really listening and Representing the Best Interests of the Racing Codes? I Think NOT !!

Solution:

1. Separate the three codes.
2. The members of the board must be Involved in that Code of Racing , with a broad knowledge and Quantified Experience within that industry.