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**To:** [Agriculture and Environment Committee](#)  
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To the Ag and Environment Committee,

I am taking this opportunity to submit to you in regards to the Hendra Vaccination. We started vaccinating our two performance horses thinking it was the right thing to do and so we could compete at EKKA. Nowhere else we compete requires this vaccination but I am terrified that if ZOETIS get their way we won't have anywhere to compete.

One of our horses was sold after 2 vaccinations, fine at that point. On giving a third to the other horse, he developed large welts all down one side of his neck from ears to rib cage. also a huge swelling at the site, the size of a dinner plate which never totally disappeared in the next two years. He was grumpy and stiff. we don't own that horse anymore. After that we were unable to compete at one of our favourite competitions, thus, forgoing performances for that horse.

Another horse we have purchased in the last 12 months came from Qld. He is not vaccinated as the owners also refuse to take the risk after hearing of so many side effects! They had competed at EKKA for many years without missing, but not any more!

we have many friends who started the regime and now refuse to continue as more and more stories of side effects come to light. Farriers, chiropractors and horse massage practitioners and those who travel to work on many, many horses and talk to many horse owners, now refuse to vaccinate!

I cannot believe that there is still talk that it is safe. It is absolutely evil! The fact ZOETIS and SOME vets keep saying that symptoms are co-incidental is a farce. Look at the facts. How many people have actually had Hendra compared to how many people own horses, etc, etc.

I hope this letter can be included with the submissions!

Regards,

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