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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this submission in regard to the enquiry into the Hendra vaccination for horses.
I have had the following experience:

I had a pony die of colic in October 2015 as the vets would not stomach drench her as she had not had current hendra vaccinations.

My pony had two previous Hendra vaccinations over 12 months prior and had very bad reactions so I did not continue with the vaccinations. The reaction to the vaccination included loss of appetite, weight loss, inability to move around, very stiff gait and general malaise. It took months for her to recover.

I chose not to vaccinate her again after this bad reaction however when she got colic which was on a Friday the vets would not treat until an exclusion test came back which would not be until the following Monday night. She did not make it.

There needs to be more options for horse owners who cannot and choose not to vaccinate. Stable side quick exclusions tests possibly?

Our horses cannot just be left to die.

The veterinary surgery who came out to see her but would not stomach drench was Hoofs and Paws in Veresdale QLD and I believe their policy is unchanged.

Thank you
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