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To: [Agriculture and Environment Committee](#)
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To whom it may concern,

I have a horse business which provides for the livelihood of my family and my 3 employees. We also spend around 300-400k per annum in our town which helps local business's significantly. This includes approximately \$50,000 in vet services.

I will summarise my submission in dot point:

- mandatory vaccination or blackmail vaccination (vet demanding prior to treatment) would result in closure of our business or relocation elsewhere in australia.
- now we know about this disease, by taking some simple precautions, it's nearly impossible to catch
- assuming no one performs autopsy or Nasal lavage without PPE no-one should ever catch this disease again. Conversely, horses will continue to kill approx 20 people per year in Australia and injure countless more. Where is the real risk here?
- Never in history has a horse taken Hendra to an equine competition and never before has a horse caught Hendra at an equine competition. Statistically this risk is therefore zero. So why are we letting an American drug company with an appalling ethical record, and a veterinary association with a charter of increasing its members profits, blackmail our sporting bodies and pony clubs into compulsory vaccination.

Common sense has been allowed to die in this debate and it has gone way too far. It's time government stepped in.

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