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To: [Agriculture and Environment Committee](#)
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Dear Inquiry

I have not made a submission to the inquiry as I am in NSW but I feel I have to say this as a result of hearing Dr Anthony's oral submissions of the 22/3/16. He stated to your inquiry words to the effect that there are no issues from Kempsey in NSW and south and implied that vets are not seeking vaccination for HeV from this point south – this is incorrect as we in NSW are in the same peril as our QLD counterparts as far as vaccination goes. I live at Quorrobolong in the lower hunter valley near Cessnock and we are quite some distance from Kempsey and from any bats. I cannot get a local vet here unless we are vaccinated. I use a vet further south (80 km or so south) and he is not insisting on it (but has asked for it to be done and accepts coverage every 12 months), but if he cannot get here in an emergency I cannot use a local vet as they are all insisting on 6monthly vaccinations – those who will see horses that are unvaccinated that is. So I feel although your terms of reference do not extend to NSW you have to understand that Dr Anthony is misinformed.

I am vaccinating as I have no choice if I want a vet in an emergency – no bats but no local vets if no vaccination – so here in the lower hunter we also have no choice – the reason vets give me is that 'it could happen one day'. I have chosen the 12 monthly option and hope that I do not need a vet in an emergency if my vet cannot attend, as I will not be able to get one. It would be beneficial to all horses owners and vets if someone could get the AVPMA moving allot quicker on the research that Zoetis has provided to at least extend to 12 monthly vaccinations and not 6monthly – over time the build-up of the vaccinations are hurting our horses– and encourage the inception of the stall side titre testing especially for us who are nowhere near a threat.

There should be ample data available on the titre levels and if for some reason there is not, then the actual cost of the testing should be funded to hasten this process along

I am pro vaccination but no vaccination should be given every 6 months – even Dr Middleton has said repeatedly she believes that this is very excessive

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