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Dear Mr Rob Hansen

The Agriculture and Environment Committee Hendra Vaccine Inquiry

Parliament House, Brisbane Qld 4000

I am a supporter of the Hendra vaccination for horses.

As a veterinary nurse assisting with vaccinations, I have not seen any negative side effects in horses who have received the Hendra vaccination.

I have not heard of any horses having negative side effects due to the Hendra vaccination they have received.

As a veterinary nurse, it is a job requirement to come in contact with horses from time to time and knowing that the horses have been vaccinated allows me to feel safer and protected.

It is important that horses are vaccinated against the Hendra virus as it does put people in danger of contracting the virus. People need to be protected as well, and at this stage, protecting the horses is the first step.

I definitely think that the Hendra vaccine should be compulsory for all horses as it will help ensure that both horses and people are protected from any possible Hendra virus contraction. If all horses are vaccinated against the Hendra virus, it will help to ensure all areas where both people and horses interact are safe zones.

I am a strong supporter of the Hendra vaccination and would like to see it implemented as a requirement for all horses.

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