



Submission for Hendra Inquiry

Being a veterinary nurse of 28 years, working in mixed practice for this entire time, I have seen the first ever Hendra outbreak in Brisbane. The Hendra vaccine is a necessity to provide Public Safety.

Ask yourself:

How many people go to the races to admire, gamble or just socially.

How many of these people stand next to the mounting yards, in close proximity to a horses sneeze/cough landing possible infected excretions directly on them.

How many parents either driving or walking pass a paddock, stop to give their children the enjoyable experience of patting/stoking a beautiful horse. Unknowing if they could possibly be coming in contact with an invisible deadly disease.

As a mother with daughters that work in the industry I feel 100% re assured in their safety and my own as I have employers that have made it policy to keep our Hospital Hendra Free.

No horse enters the property that is not vaccinated against Hendra. Our equine staff do not visit properties that are not Hendra Free. This is not a money making exercise. This is to protect peoples lives.

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