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To: [Agriculture and Environment Committee](#)
Subject: Re: submission for Hendra Parliamentary Enquiry
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Dear Sir / Madam,

May I start off saying that I am not anti-vaccination. My hesitation toward the HeV vax is that it was rushed onto the market without proper testing and backtesting, especially on breeding stock. The facts (as per ombudsman report) have shown those people that have died (may they rest in peace) were vets that ignored simple PPE requirements when conducting necropsies etc on infected horses.

As a horse owner, I take my horses and my family's health very seriously. I implement strict biosecurity measures, (even before this whole flare up of Hendra) where water and feed troughs are not under trees and cleaned regularly, each horse has its own halters etc to prevent spread of anything and if the worst were to happen, I have a quarantine area.

Our horses are not Guinea pigs. I am certainly not anti-vax but more research needs to go into this vaccine. Hendra has been around for a very long time, but only in the past couple of years have vets decided to band together and demand mandatory vaccination or they will not treat your horse. Not one single owner / event etc has ever contracted HeV but we are being led to believe it is 'rampant' and only the HeV vax will save us. The reactions / deaths from this vaccine is ridiculously higher than the (less than 100) deaths from the actual Hendra virus - surely this needs examining?

And finally, I would like the Parliamentary Enquiry to delve into the history / links / interests of all spokespeople. I have since found that [REDACTED] has many 'fingers in pies' that to me are a great conflict of interest. [REDACTED] has always been on the forefront of 'no vax - no treat' and it has been seen on a number of occasions that he is 'batting for both sides' (treating all horses regardless of vax status, whilst being the AVA spokesperson telling vets to not treat and to push the vaccine).

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Please investigate further and do not mandate a considerably untested drug on our horses. Vets need to be investigated too, and either follow their oath that they are employed to help animals or they can move to another job.

Thank you for your time, I would imagine you would be snowed under with this and many other parliamentary issues.

Kind regards,
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