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To The Agricultural and Environment Committee Hendra Vaccine Inquiry
C/- Mr Hansen
Parliament House
Brisbane Qld 4000

To Mr Rob Hansen,

I have been an Equine Veterinarian for over 25 years

Since Hendra Virus Vaccines have been available I have been vaccinating horses. The side effects to horses have been no more serious than my own recent Flu Vaccination – some slight muscle soreness at place of injection.

The risk to people and horses of infection and their very probable death far outweighs the minimal cost of Vaccinations.

The cost to the public purse or the medical care of people contracting the virus and costs of biosecurity procedures, surrounding the horses, by the authorities would be enormous.

The simple answer is for the Hendra Vaccination to be mandatory.

Yours sincerely

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