

Carbrook  
Qld. 4130,

19<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Parliament House,  
Dear Mr Hansen,

My name is Kate Hutchinson and I've been employed as an Equine Veterinary Nurse for the last 7 years by All Horses Veterinary Services in Carbrook, Queensland. My primary role is in the office where I've spoken to many owners whom voice their opinions of Hendra. I also work in the field with the Vets and hold a Cert. 111 in Equine Nursing.

Every day we take calls 'come to my sick horse'. We go out being loyal to clients and get snotted on by their horse. Then come home to our families wondering what we have just been exposed to! I realise this is a pretty basic scenario but it paints the picture. Owners may have already been exposed to this let alone their kids & neighbours.

My own four horses have been vaccinated as per schedule without any problems. So from my experience the vaccine is effective and safe. (We have a massive Fig Tree 10 metres from the stalls and live on a bat thoroughfare which spans Redlandbay). My experience with a neighbour's horse that did react to its most recent vaccination, displayed a stiff neck for several days and is now back competing at a high level.

Workplace Health & Safety is a necessary evil. It's time consuming but very productive for all staff. We sit through hours of training which is a good thing for the safety of employees and duly employers.

We're proud to know we are one practice that has a growing list of owners choosing to vaccinate, with continued communication, education and owners taking responsibility themselves to ensure Hendra Vaccinations are kept to schedule is the only way forward I believe.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Hutchinson.

