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The Agriculture and Environment Committee Hendra Vaccine Inquiry

C/-Mr Rob Hansen

Parliament House

Brisbane 4000

By email: Robert.hansen@parilament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Hansen,

Re : Submission to Hendra Virus vaccine Inquiry

My name is Janet Stephens and I have 4 horses that I keep on my property in Guanaba on the Gold Coast. They are used for trail riding by my husband and myself and are taken all over South East Queensland and New South Wales.

My horses have all had the Hendra vaccine several times without any adverse reaction. I would be mortified if one of my horses needed attention and was not able to receive it if they had not had the vaccine, due to Health and Safety rules on the vets.

I believe it to be a risk to myself and family and other pets as well as those treating my horses if my horses are not vaccinated, and this is now something that has to be done.

Also, if an outbreak should occur at a meeting of several horses together the disruption to many lives would be enormous, to say nothing of the suffering of the animals and humans.

However I would like a more definite research that the vaccine does really have to be done 6 monthly and not 12 as this does seem a grey area with some and obviously doubles the cost of protection .

Yours sincerely,

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