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The Agriculture and Environment Committee Hendra Vaccine Inquiry
Parliament House
Brisbane
Queensland 4000
By email: aec@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear AEC Committee Members,

RE: Submission to the Qld Parliament's Hendra virus Vaccine Inquiry

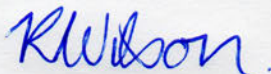
I am an equine veterinarian, and would like to give my input into the above inquiry.

I am specifically concerned about:

- 1. the incidence and impact of adverse reactions by horses following vaccination and the reporting of adverse reactions and economic impacts of the HeV EquiVacc® vaccine;*
- 2. who bears the risks of HeV infection and who incurs the costs and receives the benefits from each risk mitigation option;*
- 3. whether the guidelines/procedures required for veterinarians attending horses that are not vaccinated against HeV are proportionate to the consequences;*
- 4. impacts on the equine industry and the economy arising from veterinarians applying a policy not to treat unvaccinated horses; and*
- 5. the impact of Workplace Health and Safety actions on the decision by veterinarians not to attend unvaccinated horses and results of previous Workplace Health and Safety HeV investigations where there have been human infections.*

I have vaccinated hundreds of horses, and have seen or heard of no adverse reactions apart from normal vaccine reactions. I, myself, was recently vaccinated with a human flu vaccination, and couldn't get out of bed with flu like symptoms the next day. I certainly have never seen such a dramatic reaction from a horse after Hendra virus vaccine administration. This to me suggests, that on a risk benefit scale, the risk of Hendra virus infection and its consequences should far outweigh the risk of vaccination.

Yours sincerely,



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