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To whom it may concern,

I would like to make a submission to the inquiry into the Hendra vaccination.

I have vaccinated my 9 horses with the Hendra vaccination for two and a half years, so that's approximately 36 injections of the Hendra vaccination and 6 are due again in July.

My horses are of various ages, the youngest was 12 months of age when he received his first Hendra vaccination and the oldest is 29 this year.

All of my horses are healthy, well fed and cared for.

None of my horses have ever experienced a reaction to the Hendra vaccination.

One of my horses has Cushings disease which is a sugar intake disorder very much like diabetes in a human. She has been excluded from the vaccine while her condition has been brought under control so has to restart the initial booster shots again.

We have a horse that suffers with anhidrosis which is the inability to sweat to control his body temperature. He has never had a reaction to the Hendra vaccine.

The reason I choose to vaccinate against Hendra virus is to not only protect my horses against this deadly virus but to protect myself, my children and my family, friends and their children who regularly visit my horses and interact with them.

I also feel that any equine professional, for example; a vet, equine dentist or farrier that visits my property to treat my horses, can do so with the confidence in knowing they are safe from contracting Hendra virus from my horses.

In 2009 when the Redlands veterinary clinic had the Hendra outbreak where the virus was passed on to two people, was the scariest time as my horses were paddocked approximately 10 kms away from the clinic. There were also three other cases diagnosed in neighbouring suburbs before the Hendra vaccine was registered.

I never want my horses, family, friends and associates to be that vulnerable to Hendra again.

The Hendra vaccine has given my family and I peace of mind that our beloved horses are safe from becoming infected with Hendra and inadvertently passing it on to the most important people in our lives.

Yours sincerely,  
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