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The Agriculture and Environment Committee Hendra Vaccine Inquiry  
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Dear Mr Hansen,

**RE: Veterinarian Submission to Hendra virus Vaccine Inquiry**

My name is Dr Linda Dillenbeck, and I am an equine veterinarian located at Anstead, Queensland. I have been in veterinary practice for 4 years. I wish to address the following Terms of Reference in the Qld Parliament's Hendra virus Vaccine Inquiry:

- The incidence and impact of adverse reactions by horses following vaccination and the reporting of adverse reactions and economic impacts of the Hendra vaccine.
- The development, trials and approval processes of the vaccine
- Who bears the risks of HeV infection and who incurs the costs and receives the benefits from each risk mitigation option.

As a practice we have administered over seven thousand doses of the Hendra Virus vaccine, with having administered a fair portion of those myself. All of our clients are encouraged to report any adverse reactions to the vaccine. Most clients have not reported any adverse reactions to the vaccine, however, we have had some reports of adverse reactions from clients, these being limited to swelling at the site of injection, mild neck stiffness for 24-48 hours and mild lethargy for 24-48 hours. These cases have either resolved spontaneously or have received a short course of anti-inflammatory medication. There have been no reports from clients of long-lasting or severe adverse reactions.

I believe that the vaccine is safe, reliable and an effective way of preventing the disease in horses and increasing the safety for anyone involved in handling the horse. The use of the vaccine greatly contributes to staff Workplace Health and Safety in our practice and it is also an effective way of managing risk at equestrian events

Yours sincerely,

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