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The Agriculture and Environment Committee Hendra Vaccine Inquiry  
Parliament House  
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Queensland 4000  
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Dear AEC Committee Members,

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

I am an equine veterinarian on the sunshine coast,QLD

In the Hendra outbreak at Redlands Vet Hospital a client of mine had a horse there for surgery and I experienced first hand the trauma my client endured with the consequences of that outbreak,especially the death of a vet that was treating her horse.

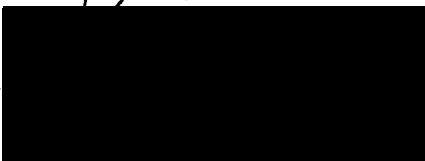
I am a strong advocate for Hendra vaccination and my personal experience with horses that I have vaccinated is positive,with only normal vaccine reactions,no adverse reactions to date.

The obligations that OH&S have placed on veterinarians examining a horse which shows a symptom that could be a symptom of Hendra virus infection are exceptionally onerous and result in a lot of conflict with the owners of a sick horse who feel they are being 'punished' for having an unvaccinated horse.

My personal preference would be for vaccination to be mandated in endemic areas,second choice would be for development of a rapid 'horse side'hendra virus detection test.


There are a large number of rapid tests available for other viruses in veterinary practice,this should not be a difficult process.

Yours sincerely,



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