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To Parliament House

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Dear Sir / Madam

I own and operate a Warmblood Horse stud and Equestrian Center in Biddaddaba , between Canungra and Beaudesert since 1984 called [REDACTED]  
I come from a family who has been breeding horses for 450 years in Germany called [REDACTED] and is well known in the Equestrian Industry world wide.

Needless to say that I am a very experienced Horse person and due to the fact that my facilities allow me to feed my horses and Stallions under cover I made my own risk assessment and concluded not to vaccinate my horses.

The Vets know that and I have not been refused by the Vets like Dr Nathan Anthony who we use occasionally.

I have currently a very talented young girl riding for me who likes the sport of Equestrian Eventing. In a matter of one year she has progressed to One Star level nationally and is ready to compete on an international Level which is monitored by the FEI ( Federation Equestrian International)

FEI Events require an FEI approved Veterinarian to monitor the Event. Dr Nathan Anthony is a approved FEI Vet and is also the Vet for the Australian Eventing Team, as well as very strong advocate for mandatory Hendra vaccination. Dr Anthony has the power to reject horses on to the Australian team if he believes they are not sound or fit enough.

Due to the strong Influence, roles and positions Dr Anthony has, FEI Eventing Events are asking for horses who come from northern NSW and Qld to be Hendra vaccinated ! As an example I Quote from the entry form Melbourne International 3 Day event to be held 9-12 June 2016: "**The organizing Committee and Equestrian Victoria have been advised by the FEI Veterinarians that all horses entering from North of Foster in NSW and from Qld or horses that have been in these areas in the 30 days prior must be vaccinated against Hendra**" End quote. See nomination form <https://www.nominate.com.au/equestdn/Event.aspx?event=6295&eventlist=1>

The same FEI Vets are happy to attend FEI Dressage and Jumping Events without Hendra vaccination requirements!!

Due to the misuse of power by the Vets to push this Vaccine we are suffering and being disadvantaged in a number of points:

1. A young Queenslander is unable to reach international level or Olympic Level

2. My horses will not be able to compete at international level in order to reach their full potential and value
3. Interstate riders will not come to Qld to compete in preparation for the Melbourne International
4. Qld horses who want to compete risk negative reaction and a lower immune system due Hendra Vaccination
5. It takes away free choice to vaccinate or not for riders who want to compete internationally

I strongly believe that the risk factor, that Hendra will happen at an event, is blown out of proportions by the Vets. It is a fact that a Hendra case has **never** occurred in an Equestrian horse. It is also a fact that **Hendra has never shown at an horse event in Australia's History**

Dr Nathan Anthony sees a lot of horses and he told me that he never has treated a Hendra infected horse in his life time.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to put an end to this misuse of power or we have to give up our beloved sport or sell up and move interstate. Both options would not be good with regards of the people and money involved to do this.

Eventing is a dangerous sport like many other sports and tragically not long ago a young life was lost at an event in Scone which we attended.

This is a real risk every body is aware of, unlike the perceived risk of Hendra which is only driven by financial gain.

Thank you for reading

Kind regards

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