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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Qld parliamentary inquiry regarding Hendra Vaccination

I, Leigh Pearson, of [REDACTED] Greenbank, Qld 4124, hereby state that I have been involved with horses throughout my entire life, and over the past 25 years have been extremely involved with horses and the sport of endurance riding. I am Secretary of a Qld Endurance Club and have held this position for 22 years, and with this position have been director of our clubs annual endurance ride.

This years' event (2016) will be held as a vaccinated only event, due to our ride location which is in Greenbank, Qld., and the base is situated in a residential estate with extremely close proximity to houses etc. The estate currently has a flying fox colony, which is situated approx. 1.5 km from our ride base and even closer to the tracks used for the event. Our club have done a risk assessment of our event which included factors such as location, colony proximity, having to use communal watering for all horses, location to residences and being on open view, and affect a lock down situation would present and found holding a Hendra vaccinated only event was the only solution to holding our event.

We are currently vaccinating 6 horses against the Hendra virus. The horses range in age from 8 years to 36 years (turning 37 this year). This has been the 3rd year of vaccinations. None of these horses has ever shown any reaction to the vaccine in any way shape or form.

I vaccinate the horses as I live in an area frequented by flying foxes, and due to the nature of this disease feel it is the only responsible way I can ensure my family and my neighbours are protected, as well as my horses.

Thank you.

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Ms. Leigh Pearson
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Australian Veterinary Association petition on Hendra virus vaccine
Queensland Parliament Inquiry into the Hendra vaccine and its use



The Queensland Government is conducting an inquiry into the Hendra virus vaccine and its use. The Australian Veterinary Association thinks that all horse owners' views about the vaccine should be represented during the inquiry, including those who are satisfied with the Hendra virus vaccine. The total number of people who sign this petition will be included in our submission to the inquiry and other public communications we undertake in relation to the inquiry. Your personal details will be kept confidential and only made known to members of the Agriculture and Environment Committee undertaking the inquiry.

We the undersigned have vaccinated our horses against Hendra virus, and they experienced no adverse reactions to the vaccine. We intend to continue vaccinating our horses against Hendra virus.

Name		Date
Leigh Pearson	[REDACTED]	26.4.16
S Atley		26.4.16
K. Reid		26.4.16
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