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Hi I am writing this as I am concerned for my business. My husband and I have been breaking in horses for 35 years. It is now our sole income. As we have 5 horses every month from lots of different people with different uses for these horses the Hendra mess is a big deal for us...as most of our clients come from large stations or remote properties, very few will Hendra vaccinate. how will this affect our business?? If vaccination is made compulsory how will you enforce it?? It seems to me that from talking to our clients that they have so many horses that if 1 gets sick it will just be put down rather than go through all the hassle of vets and DPI security. In 35 years of doing this business, we have never had a horse become sick in our care, whether that is good luck or good management im not sure, but it sure is comforting to know we are doing something right.

If the Hendra vaccine becomes a compulsory vaccination I guess we will be put out of business and our kids we learn to live a very different lifestyle to the one that I grew up in and too what they are accustomed to now.

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