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To the Research Director, Agriculture and Environment Committee.

Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld.
4000
21/04/16.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing a submission to the enquiry as to my own person experience with the Hendra vaccine. I would like to point out a few things that I believe are relevant and important for the enquiry to consider;

- Upon arrival in Qld, my horse was Unvaccinated as she travelled from South Australia.(2014)
- My horse is an expensive purebred Quarter horse, who has already had one foal in South Australia.(2013)
- Upon learning of the Hendra vaccine (establishment I worked at used it on all horses) I perused the packaging and discovered it was NOT recommended for use in regards to BREEDING STOCK. (2014).
- I presumed my mare would fall into that category as she had already produced a live foal.(2013)
- Due to the unforeseen closure of the establishment I worked at I was then required to find alternative accommodation for my horse (she had not yet received ANY Hendra vaccination)
- Upon arrival at our new accommodation I had still believed my horse was not suitable for vaccination (as per the packaging of the actual Hendra vaccine)
- Within a short period of time (2 weeks) I was informed it was necessary to vaccinate my horse or I would be required to find "alternative" accommodation.
- Although I pointed out the statement on the packaging, this was dismissed in turn with statements such as "don't want the grandkids to get Hendra" "Everyone does

- it" "can't compete without current Hendra vaccination proof""Vets won't attend".
- So begrudgingly i vaccinated my horse. (against what the manufacturer suggested on the packaging!)
 - In total my horse has now received a total of 3 vaccinations within the required period and is also microchipped.
 - I have seen NO adverse reactions at this time.

However....

I DID NOT HAVE A CHOICE, NO VACCINE= NO WHERE TO KEEP MY HORSE!!! NO VACCINE=NO VET WILL ATTEND!!!

This is Unethical and immoral to say the least.

I have now chosen to cease vaccinating for Hendra.

I am aware vet services will not attend my horse once her "perceived" coverage runs out (Feb 2017).

I am angry that Vets are being stonewalled by WHS to not attend sick horses who are not vaccinated.

I intend to have my horse Titre tested (cost to ME of \$400) in Jan 2017, manly to check her antibody levels as i do not wish to compromise her immune system (I do intend to breed her in the future).

Many horse folk on the FRONT LINE (myself included) are becoming increasingly upset that this particular vaccine(6 monthly dosing) has been "OVERPRESCRIBED ". There are now too many documented "adverse reactions" to believe otherwise!

Titre test results are also showing this to be the case.(incredibly high levels after 2+ vaccinations) This is unacceptable.

I have been doing my research and am horrified to find there is something REALLY WRONG with this whole debacle.

How is Zoetis able to blackmail vets, and in turn use THE PUBLIC as their guinea pigs for a vaccine that has yet to be proven 100% safe, let alone effective? This too is unacceptable.

Why is it the public cannot see the documents around this vaccines creation and testing?

What is being hidden? Again Unacceptable.

Many horse owners are now questioning the motives of Zoetis, the AVMA, WHS , Biosecurity Qld and vets.

The Horse sector in Queensland is a vibrant one, and I for one enjoy being part of it.

However I am now left with the choice of not being able to compete, not being able to access veterinary care for my horse and not being able to find accomodation (in future) if I do not Vaccinate further. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE BLACKMAIL!

So in conclusion i would like the enquiry to know:

- After 40 years in the Equine Industry i do NOT wish to further use this vaccine.
- I am 100% behind the development of a stall side Hendra test. (prevents vets from refusing to see unvaccinated horses, thereby preventing unnecessary suffering and deaths)
- I AM prepared to move out of Qld (taking my skills, horses and money with me) if

this is not resolved QUICKLY.

I feel victimised, used and disappointed that a company with the WORST track record on the planet (Zoetis) was ever chosen to produce this vaccine when our CSIRO has the capacity to do it, and I believe do a much better and SAFER version.

Yours Respectfully,

Kerry Scott-Yardley. 21/04/16.

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