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Submission: Parliament Enquiry into Hendra Vaccine

As a horse owner I am writing this submission to the share my tragic story resulting from the use of the Hendra Vaccine.

I have had 2 horses react to the vaccine, 1 with high temperatures only (has happened twice), and another horse after his 6th injection who had never showed any signs previously needing to be **euthanized 4 days after his last vaccination due to an extreme immune response.**

This is not good enough! I have lost the equine love of my life due to **over vaccinating** him with this vaccine.

I am now at risk that should I choose not to re vaccinate my horses for Hendra, that I will be unable to get life saving medical treatment for them.

Not only is this a joke, we as amateur horse people are being treated differently. It is my understanding that the race horse industry are not vaccinating their horses, and are not being denied veterinary treatment.

I am not against vaccinations, but the frequency that we are being required to vaccinate our horses against Hendra needs more research. With horses coming back 3 years later with high titer results, clearly a six month and twelve month schedule is too frequent and putting horses lives in danger. How many more horses have to die unnecessary.

Please do more research, and stop vets from forcing us to vaccinate in order to treat our horses.

Regards,
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