

Betting Tax and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022

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Harness Racing Australia Submission: *Betting Tax and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022*

Dear Committee Chair,

Introduction

Harness Racing Australia (HRA) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission for the Queensland Government's Education, Employment and Training Committee examination of the *Betting Tax and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022*.

HRA is the peak national body for the sport and business of harness racing in Australia, representing the more than 48,400 individuals involved in the process of producing and preparing Standardbreds for racing in Australia who directly spend more than \$511 million annually - 64% of which is in regional Australia¹ - over 7000 trainers and drivers, and the many thousands of people employed by the industry and ancillary industries.

Submissions

HRA supports the *Betting Tax and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022* and the proposed changes to racing industry funding in Queensland.

¹ Size & Scope of the Harness Racing Industry in Australia, IER Pty Ltd, May 2013.



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These reforms are good for the racing industry in Queensland and will materially benefit not just those who participate in the industry, but provide knock-on advantages for allied services, create investment and jobs to benefit the whole community.

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Bill. Should it be of benefit, I am happy to provide further information in support of this submission and can be contacted via

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Andrew Kelly', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Kelly
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Keeper of the Australian Trotting Studbook