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Submission to the Health and Community Services Committee

Subject: The Racing and Other legislation Amendment Bill 2012

Under the proposed new legislation there is no mention or reference to Country thoroughbred racing. Currently the charters of the Country Racing Committee and the various Country Racing Associations are established under clause 26 of the Constitution of Racing Queensland Limited.

Prior to the amendments to the Racing Act in 2010, the committee and the associations were enshrined within the legislation and the formulation of policy and power to make changes to country racing remained with the Country Racing Committee.

It is the Eastern Downs Country Racing Association's contention that both the associations and the Country Racing Committee be included in legislation under the proposed Queensland Thoroughbred Racing Board and that the formulation of policy and power to make changes to country racing be reinstated to the Country Racing Committee. Country racing is represented by over one hundred race clubs throughout the state and is an integral part of the industry catering for owners, breeders and licensees throughout country Queensland.

It is also the view of a number of CRA's that the proposed Queensland Thoroughbred Racing Board consist of five members not three. This board should represent the interests of Metropolitan, provincial and country clubs and associations as well as owners, trainers, breeders and bookmakers associations.

The inclusion of the clause 9AG of the proposed QACRIB legislation to ensure the 5.32% of net UNITAB product fee to non-TAB thoroughbred racing is to be applauded. However, under the current charter of the Country Racing Committee, one of their functions is to give "advice" to Racing Queensland about submissions received from Associations. No requirement for Racing Queensland to heed any advice given.

Yours sincerely

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