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Mr Dowling MP
Chair
Health & Community Services Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

By Email: hcsc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Dowling

RE: RACING & OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2012

Thank you for your letter of 6 November 2012.

Unfortunately, like many in the Racing Industry, I was, at that time, in Melbourne during the Melbourne Cup Carnival and also involved in industry meetings, including national meeting of Owners Associations.

Further, the short timeline for response has caused me difficulties in compliance with the time for submissions.

Hence, the delay in this submission to you.

My apologies for the delay, however, I hope that you can, nonetheless, take into account this submission.

Stakeholder Representation

Prior to the State Election, earlier this year, the then opposition spokesman for racing provided an assurance to our organisation that, if elected, his party would ensure a change in legislation such that Stakeholder Representation was assured.

It is noted that the original Racing Act provided for Stakeholder Representation by the exercise of voting power. This was subsequently removed.

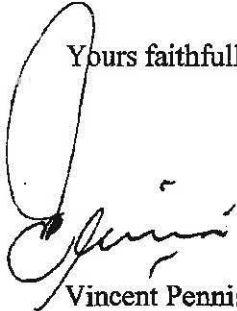
There is no provision in the Bill, which provides any such representation.

Therefore, our Association registers its strong objection to the existing Bill in so far as the omission of Stakeholder Representation.

Incorporation of Separate Boards

We are concerned at the legality and corporate governance of the proposed structure, particularly in so far as ASIC requirements and independently of each control board.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent Pennisi', written in a cursive style.

Vincent Pennisi
Secretary
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