



The Australian Carriage Driving Society Inc.

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FEDERAL PRESIDENT
TREVOR BRAND

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Committee Secretary
Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Committee
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Jeanette,

Re: Inquiry into the Australian horse industry and an Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA).

Following a presentation and the subsequent question and answer session by Dr Ian Denney Deputy CEO, Animal Health Australia (AHA) to our members on July 18 at our Annual Conference, the Federal Council of the Australian Carriage Driving Society (ACDS) discussed its response to the issues and solutions raised by EADRA. The Federal Council voted to send a letter of support to Animal Health Australia. This letter was forwarded on 8 August 2010.

At the next meeting of the Federal Council of the ACDS held on November 6, 2010 the response to EADRA was again addressed. The council authorised the Federal President to respond to the inquiry along the lines outlined in our letter to AHA.

- The Federal Council of the ACDS recognises that the response by the Commonwealth Government to the Equine Influenza outbreak is not sustainable for future emergency animal disease outbreaks.
- We accept that there is a responsibility on horse owners to contribute to the cost of any future emergency animal disease outbreaks.
- That it is appropriate that there be liaison between the Commonwealth Government and the horse owners.
- The Federal Council of the ACDS acknowledged that while the Commonwealth Government would meet the immediate cost of any future outbreak that horse owners would need to contribute to such a cost along the guidelines

demonstrated in Dr Denney's presentation (and available on the AHA website) recognising the importance of a 'zero based levy' and agreed cost sharing formulas.

- The Federal Council of the ACDS agreed that any levy imposed would need to be equitable across the horse industry and that placing such a levy on horse wormers and hard feeds was our preferred option of those listed in Dr Denney's presentation and in the Animal Health Australia's 'Signing EADRA Newsletter'.

The Australian Carriage Driving Society Inc is the organisation that represents and supports the sport of Carriage Driving in Australia. In addition to the Federal Council it has State Branches in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania. There are 54 affiliated clubs and over 1200 members. The society has federal and state convenors for the following carriage driving disciplines – combined driving, showing, pleasure and endurance, dressage and historical. It has developed and maintained rules and regulations, manuals and guidelines for conduct of events and the training and accreditation of officials. The Australian Carriage Driving Society is an active organisation which runs, through its state branches and clubs, many events and activities for its members to participate in.

Yours sincerely,

Trevor Brand
President

ON BEHALF OF THE ACDS FEDERAL COUNCIL