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To whom it may concern, I wish to make the following points for your consideration:

I strongly disagree with the model being suggested on the basis that imposing a levy on horse feeds or horse wormers is effectively a narrow tax.

- The first reason for this is that not all horse owners buy feeds therefore the tax is inequitable and
- secondly a tax on horse wormers is unreasonable as manufacturer's of horse wormers already pay a sales levy and annual renewal fee to a statutory body namely the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority. Additionally such a levy is likely to cause animal health issues in that some horse owners will not effectively treat their animals as they will deem the cost of doing so as being excessive.

I suggest that a broadly based levy be applied when a foal is registered by a breed society or studbook. This should be a one-off fee.

The government should also bear some responsibility for the EI outbreak on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2007 due to negligence of Eastern Creek Quarantine Station.

Former judge Ian Callinan was commissioned to undertake an investigation into the EI outbreak. His findings were released on 12 June 2008 in a scathing report, in which Australia's quarantine system was described as "inefficient, underfunded and lacking diligence". The Agriculture Minister Tony Burke promised that all 38 of the report's recommendations would be implemented, and that a "massive change" in the culture of the quarantine service should occur.

I would like to point out that since this occurrence AQIS has made it much more difficult to obtain import approvals and have dramatically increased the costs of the various permits effectively "taxing" importers across the community.

I would ask that you consider the points raised and I would be happy to expand on any of the foregoing if requested to do so

Yours sincerely

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