



8<sup>TH</sup> November, 2010.

Ms Jeanette Radcliffe  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport  
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**CANBERRA ACT 2600**

Dear Ms Radcliffe

**Addendum to Australia Horse Industry Council Submission Re Inquiry into The Australian Horse Industry and an Emergency Animal Response Agreement**

Thank you for the opportunity of submitting additional information to the above Senate Inquiry.

At the time of the original submission the Horse Industry was still developing its final position on a levy mechanism for repayment of EADRA costs. There were three options that were still being considered, registration, manufactured feed and wormers.

Following extensive discussions within AHIC, within the Horse Levy Working Group and with Animal Health Australia, the Horse Industry agreed to go forward with a levy mechanism based on manufacture horse feed (*A product that is modified, an adulterated feed or specialist supplement that is produced and marketed for equines or identified as an equine specific consumable product. This definition does not currently include chaff products or specialist mineral additives.*) and wormers. There was no possibility of an agreement based on registration that was going to be broadly acceptable to the Industry within the deadline set by PIMC of 1<sup>st</sup> December. 2010.

The AHIC fully supports a levy mechanism based on manufactured feed and wormers. The AHIC believes that with an addition of up to \$1.00 per bag of feed and up to 50c per wormer this would raise approximately 1% of Gross Value of Production over a 10 year period. This would be more than sufficient to cover the costs of a disease incursion.

The AHIC supports the Horse Industry view that the levy mechanism should be reviewed after 5 years as there could be changes on feeding and worming practices and other levy options might be available.

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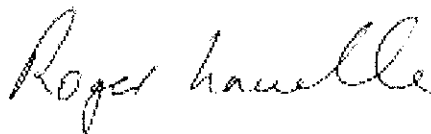
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The AHIC supports the concept of the levy being zero-rated which means no payments are required until there has been an EADRA cost-sharing situation. Until that time no levy is collected.

The AHIC, along with the three other Industry members of AHA, Australian Racing Board, Harness Racing Australia and Equestrian Australia are in the process of writing to AHA requesting to sign EADRA on behalf of the Horse Industry. This is a reflection of the broad agreement amongst the Horse Industry to become signatories of EADRA and to meet PIMC's requirements.

Yours faithfully,

**AUSTRALIAN HORSE INDUSTRY COUNCIL**



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