

11th November 2010

Att: Jeanette Radcliffe
Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Committee
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Jeanette,

“Submission to inquiry into the Australian Horse Industry and an Emergency Animal Disease Agreement” (EADRA)

I wish to make comment on behalf of Alltech Biotechnology Pty Ltd. Alltech is:

- A global leader of natural feed additives to the animal feed industry.
- It is heavily involved, with an intended future commitment to the Australian Equine Industry.
- Was a title sponsor of the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games 2010 and proposes to be the major sponsor of the FEI World Equestrian Games in 2014.
- Future sponsorship and involvement relies heavily on servicing an active and vibrant market.

Alltech’s belief is that any industry must take responsibility in looking after its own industry. In taking responsibility there needs to be a demonstration of willingness to ensure all the industry is participating to protect its welfare.

Our company is deeply concerned that the proposed levy to be collected on manufactured horse feeds by stock feed companies does not demonstrate a willingness to share the load.

- Any horse can be struck down by disease, but the stock feed companies only reach the minority of Australian horses.
- It compromises the viability of the stock feed companies and additive suppliers of these companies to commit support in an industry of uncertainty.
- It risks not providing an environment for feed additive companies to invest product development for the health and welfare of the horse.

It is very important that the horse industry ensures all horse owners make equal contribution to protecting their horses to ensure its wonderful industry can flourish and thrive.

Regards,

Mr. Kim Turnley
Director