



## International Association of Equine Dentistry

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To Whom It May Concern:

IAED Supports the Australian Initiative for A National Equine Dental Accreditation Program

National accreditation and competency based training for Australian equine dental providers insures that the horse receives quality care from regulated and competent professionals. This is a win for the horse, and a win for the dedicated providers of equine dental care in Australia.

Since 1987, the International Association of Equine Dentistry (IAED) has worked with veterinarians and non-veterinary equine dental providers to provide international solutions to the legality of the profession, standardization and training, continuing education, and certification. The IAED is a unique mixture of individuals from varied backgrounds who have one priority- "the good of the horse."

The IAED supports the following points:

- With the learning structure and oversight provided by nationally recognized competencies and the Australian Quality Training Framework, the quality of general care will increase in Australia.
- The development of training for non-veterinarians to perform equine dentistry at a Cert IV and Diploma advanced level.
- Non-Veterinary equine dental providers historically provided a service that predates modern veterinary colleges, and as such, deserve recognition as having practiced a legitimate vocational profession for many hundreds of years.
- Appropriately trained non-veterinary dentists are quite capable of working independently of veterinarians where Australian law allows. Several hundreds of thousands of animals receive non-veterinary equine dental care every year without remark – non-veterinary providers do their job quite well.

Sincerely,

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