

THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS

Australia

14 March, 2012

The Secretary
Public Works Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Submission No. 10

(Quarantine Facility)

Date: 19/03/13

Sir –

1. Thoroughbred Breeders Australia is the peak national body representing the commercial interests of our 3,778 member breeders in New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, Victoria, and Western Australia.
2. Commercial Thoroughbred farms in four states shuttled thirty-six (36) stallions to and from the Northern Hemisphere, primarily Ireland, the United Kingdom, the United States, and France to Australia from June – December, to serve 3,306 broodmares during our 2012 breeding season. Australian breeders also sent three (3) Australian-based stallions to Ireland, USA and France to serve broodmares from January to May 2013, referred to as “Reverse-shuttle,” a trend TBA expects to grow as Australian Thoroughbreds are coveted around the world. International stallions have been a vital input in yearling sales in Australia, with 3,875 sold for \$234 million in 2012, exported to (18) eighteen countries.
3. TBA concurs with the submission prepared by International Racehorse Transport (IRT) PTY LTD. TBA has been an active participant during the Horse Industry Consultative Council (HICC) meetings, and have stressed the importance of having accommodations for experienced and knowledgeable grooms at the new quarantine facility in Mickleham. The inherent value of these animals, and the potential for risk if left unattended by employees of the companies which own them, supports providing accommodations in the facility.

Yours sincerely,

~~Chauncey Morris~~
Chief Executive