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Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee  
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Being a Horse owner & breeder for Many many years I would like to put forward the following proposal, that the **levy proposed** be paid by those most likely to benefit from importing horses (and therefore **most likely to bring an exotic disease requiring control into the country**). This could Very easily be achieved by putting a levy on the "**Service Fee and or Purchase / Sale Price**" of any horse entering Australia.

As an example: If A stallion with a fee of \$100,000.00 had a 5% levy that would raise \$5,000.00 per service and with 100 mares being covered this would be \$500,000.00 when multiplied across the Shuttle stallions and Mares I am sure the required amount could be raised without affecting the pleasure horse industry and others NOT responsible for introduction of these exotic diseases but have ALSO been greatly inconvenienced by the introduction of EI by a Thoroughbred Horse in 2007.

Kind Regards

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