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RE:HORSE DISEASE CONTROL

TO THE SENATE/COMMITTEE

I don't create an exotic disease potential as part of owning a horse and I can't claim my expenses on tax so why should I be expected to subsidize commercial industries that create the disease risks.

I don't have a business nor do I make a profit from owning a horse, I pay my own vet bills and care for my equine friends. It is not only a sport but a love and passion of mine and many others which is becoming more and more expensive due to insurance and government bodies all wanting their pound of flesh for little or no support in the industry.

It was clear with the EI outbreak that WA was forgotten and ignored in assistance and that there was little or no assistance to any recreational horse owners anywhere in Australia.

If you want to levy this industry maybe the government should levy football, netball, and other sports for the many injuries they cause and the cost to the government health system.

Just because we own a horse does not make us millionaires
it is a passion which costs us much more than we can
usually afford.

Any body that makes profit and causes high risk to disease
control should contribute to a fund to assist those they affect.

Leave the recreational horse owner out of a political
nightmare created by greed and an industry (RACING) that
costs the community more than it has ever returned.

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