

Horse Disease Response Levy Bill

Submission to the Senate Review Committee for Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a member of the English&Irish Donkey Allbreeds Society of Australia inc ,of which I am President, to register my objections against the proposed **Equine Influenza (EI) levy.**

These are the objections.

1; Small or not for profit or hobby breeders should not be expected to subsidise large commercial industries like racing who can claim the expenses on their taxes and are the ones likely to create potential risk for exotic disease, and whom also can receive compensation should an outbreak occur.

2: Further, that it inequitable that only owners who do the right thing by identifying and registering their animals would be liable to pay the levy.

3: Having served on many not- for- profit voluntary societies where it is already difficult to attract committee members I am positive that committee members would be unlikely to commit to any process of having to collect levies or the passing on private information regarding members' registrations.

4: It would be almost certain members would no longer register their animals, which will result in the demise of small societies that provide vital information for responsible breeding and health issues, as well services such as advice and support for the welfare of the animals involved.

I hope that these objections I have raised will be given serious consideration or it may well spell the demise of small societies such as ours, after 30 years of service to the equine community.

Regards

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