

19th September 2008

Mr John Carter Inquiry Secretary Standing Committee on Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport

Dear Mr Carter,

Re: Horse Disease Response Levy Bill

I am advised that the Standing Committee welcomes comment on any aspect of the abovementioned Bill you believe to be relevant and that submissions are to be received no later than 22nd September 2008.

The Australian Racing Board would like to reconfirm its position in this matter in that it encourages the Senate to pass the Bill with a \$0 levy and give racing industry bodies time to discuss and put in place a fair and equitable levy.

Please find attached letters that have been sent to Dr Brendan Nelson and Senator Scullion in support of this position.

If you have any queries regarding the Australian Racing Board's submission please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

RC (Bob) Pearson

Chairman

Australian Racing Board Limited