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STATUTORY DECLARATION

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TO WIT

I, Carol Anne Perrett, of 111 George Street Brisbane in the State of Queensland, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I refer to the Commission's letter to my solicitor dated 17 October 2012 requesting me or Mr Kelly to address the equine influenza outbreak (EI) in 2007. In the limited time available to me I have attempted to respond to the Commission's request, however I have not had the time to review all of the EI files held by the Office of Racing.

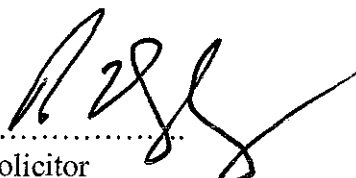
The Office of Racing's involvement in the response to the crisis, as opposed to the responses of other government bodies such as the National Committee for Exotic Animal Diseases

Initial Response to the EI Outbreak

2. In the week prior to 25 August 2007, the Office of Racing had been monitoring the situation in Japan where races had been cancelled due to EI (Attachment 1).
3. Mike Kelly advised me that he was contacted in the early hours of Saturday 25 August 2007 by Queensland Racing after being advised that horses at two properties in New South Wales had tested positive to EI. He participated in the thoroughbred and harness control bodies' initial decision-making conference early on Saturday morning that resolved to cancel all race meetings scheduled that weekend in Queensland.

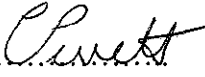
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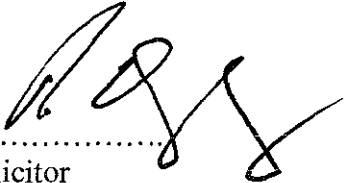
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4. The Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) was the lead agency for animal disease outbreaks and the Office of Racing worked closely with DPI&F officers and the control bodies. On Sunday 26 August 2007, the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries issued a Standstill Notice, preventing the movement of horses in Queensland.
5. Mike Kelly, Robert Cassidy, Principal Integrity Officer, and Bruce Young, Manager, Veterinary Services at the Racing Science Centre were responsible for liaising with the control bodies and other government agencies. They worked over the weekend of 25 and 26 August 2007 and continued to work weekends and long hours for a number of months, as did the control bodies' officers as the situation was rapidly changing. EI had never occurred in Australia before and veterinarians were not certain of how the virus was spread. There was uncertainty for some time as to whether the virus could become airborne and be spread by the wind.
6. By Monday 27 August 2007, Robert Cassidy, Principal Integrity Officer had been co-located to the DPI&F Disease Management Coordination Centre to provide direct racing industry input into disease management and planning at the State-wide level.
7. Mike Kelly and Robert Cassidy participated in discussions with the DPI&F and representatives of the thoroughbred and harness racing industries to establish an "exclusionary zone" plan to allow the restricted movement and training of licensed racing animals. Specialist advice provided by the Office of Racing centred on balancing disease management protocols with animal welfare considerations related to racing animals. A major issue for trainers was that horses on high protein diets for racing needed to be exercised for both the physical and mental well-being of the animals (Attachment 2).


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8. On 28 August 2007, the Director of the Racing Science Centre (RSC) reported that the RSC had received an urgent request from DPI&F State Disease Control Headquarters to provide veterinary officers to assist with field tasks. A Senior Veterinary Officer from the RSC was deployed to assist the DPI&F. Bruce Young was retained at the RSC as he was a key point of contact for equine veterinary advice for the control bodies, DPI&F and Mike Kelly (Attachment 3).
9. Attached is a selection of emails from 27 to 30 August 2007 which show the involvement of the Office of Racing in the EI situation in that short timeframe (Attachment 4).
10. A Government CEO Control Group was established to provide a whole of government response to the EI outbreak. Mike Kelly and Robert Cassidy attended the meetings of the Government Control Group held each morning, chaired by the Director-General of the DPI&F and attended by various Directors-General, departmental officers and industry representatives which coordinated a state wide approach to the crisis. Mike Kelly also attended State Disaster Management Group meetings.
11. The Office of Racing received daily Situation Reports from the DPI&F regarding the EI situation. Mike Kelly was copied into emails from the DPI&F and kept informed of developments from the daily Control Group meetings, telephone calls from DPI&F officers, and information from Robert Cassidy, Bruce Young and the control bodies. He spent a lot of time attending meetings at Deagon, Albion Park and in the City. He played a coordinating role between Government and the control bodies and kept the Director-General and Minister's office informed of developments.

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12. The response to the EI outbreak was a high tempo situation that continued for a number of months. However, the Office of Racing was required to continue to deliver the normal workload with limited resources and personnel to carry out its functions. The Office was still require to respond to Ministerial correspondence, prepare Ministerial briefs for meetings with stakeholders, interested persons and control body officers, prepare Parliamentary briefs, perform government corporate, performance and other reporting, provide secretariat and research support to the Racing Animal Welfare and Integrity Board, administer the annual Training Track Subsidy, deal with Parklands Gold Coast issues and comply with legislative responsibilities.
13. As time progressed, more outbreaks of the disease were detected on a regular basis. Attached is a bundle of Situation Reports from 1 September 2007 when there were 16 Infected Premises to 17 September 2007 when the number had increased to 171 Infected Premises and 5 December 2007 when the number of Infected Properties had increased to 2062 (**Attachment 5**).
14. Attached is a brief to the Treasurer providing an update on horse movement restrictions dated 18 September 2007 (**Attachment 6**)

State Government Funding

15. On 26 September 2007, the State Government announced a \$20 million EI funding package. A key component of this package was a \$5 million Racing Clubs Transition and Recovery Scheme which included \$1.471 million for an EI Employment Assistance Program and \$650,000 for a marketing campaign to bring patrons back to the races after EI was eradicated and racing resumed (**Attachment 7**).

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16. The Office of Racing was required to liaise with Queensland Treasury and provide information in relation to CBRC submissions for the funding and to provide updates for CBRC on the funding, briefing notes and on-going reporting and drafting of Parliamentary and other briefing notes. Attached are a few examples (**Attachment 8**).

Marketing Initiative

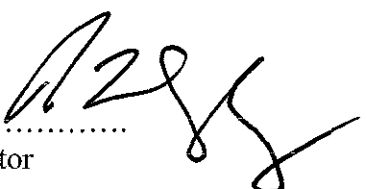
17. The Office of Racing was responsible for working with the harness and thoroughbred and control bodies in relation to the provision of \$650,000 funding for the marketing initiative. Attached is a brief to the Under Treasurer seeking in principle approval for the funding (**Attachment 9**).
18. In accordance with the Under Treasurer's advice, a brief was submitted to the Treasurer seeking approval for the funding which was approved on 18 March 2008 (**Attachment 10**).
19. Mike Kelly liaised with the thoroughbred and harness control bodies and Minister's office in the development of the marketing campaign and its launch.
20. A brief dated 7 May 2008 was submitted to the Treasurer providing an update on the EI Marketing Initiative advising that the control bodies had agreed to the funding to be split 84% for Racing Queensland and 16% for the QHRB (**Attachment 11**).
21. A brief dated 3 September 2008 was submitted to the Treasurer to sign the funding agreement (**Attachment 12**).

Employment Assistance Program

22. A brief dated 8 October 2007 seeking approval to allocate funds was prepared for the Treasurer regarding the Employment Assistance Program

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aimed at identifying short-term placement opportunities for equine industry workers displaced from the normal employment as a result of the EI outbreak. The Program allowed those persons to be engaged to undertake short-term work for control bodies, race clubs and other equine sector organisations (**Attachment 13**).

23. The Office of Racing was responsible for liaising with the harness and thoroughbred control bodies to obtain information in relation to the implementation of the employment assistance program for the preparation of Parliamentary and other briefing notes and for reporting of funding spent. Some examples are attached (**Attachment 14**).

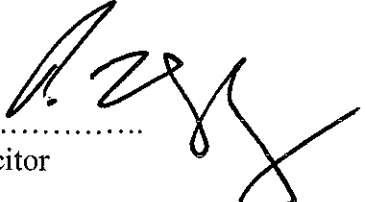
Ex Gratia Payment to Greyhound Racing Authority (GRA)

24. The EI outbreak had a significant impact on the greyhound control body's revenue and costs. By letter dated 11 September 2007, the GRA requested financial assistance from the State Government to assist it in dealing with the impacts of EI such as reduced revenue and increased costs as it held additional meetings at the request of SKY Channel to fill the thoroughbred and harness time slots (**Attachment 15**).
25. On 10 October 2007, the Treasurer as the Minister for Racing approved an ex gratia payment of \$250,000 to the GRA (**Attachment 16**).

The measures implemented by the two equine control bodies themselves

26. Approval was granted to vary the 2007 Control Body Assessment Programs for the thoroughbred and harness control bodies to assess the roles of the Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) and the Queensland Harness Racing Board (QHRB) in the response to contain and eradicate the EI outbreak during 2007.

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27. The Office of Racing assessed QRL's and the QHRB's response by conducting an assessment of the following:

- the measures initially taken by the control bodies when information was first received that EI may have infected horses within the general horse population of Australia;
- measures used by the control bodies to enforce or assist with the enforcement of the initial response to the EI outbreak;
- the effectiveness of the racing precincts established by the control bodies;
- the procedures used by the control bodies to regulate the activities within racing precincts during the standstill;
- other measures taken by the control bodies to reduce the risk of EI infecting licensed horses in Queensland;
- level of communication undertaken by the control bodies with various groups during the EI response;
- the effectiveness of, and compliance with the control bodies' vaccination program;
- measures taken by the control bodies to resolve the status of licensed premises housing licensed horses previously infected with EI;
- the control bodies' response to the EI zones implemented by the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries;
- the control bodies' control over the movement of vaccinated and recovered horses; and
- the control bodies' emergency disease preparedness policies and procedures.

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28. Attached is a copy of the Office of Racing's assessment s reports and the responses to the draft reports from QRL and the QHRB (**Attachment 17**).

AND I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act* 1867.

DECLARED AND SIGNED at Brisbane

this 30th day of October, 2013

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Before me:-
[Signature] Solicitor

Queensland Racing Commission of inquiry

Attachments 1 to 17 to the declaration of Carol Anne Perrett of the 30th October 2013.

Declared this 30th October 2013

Signature



Witness signature



PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: kelly mike
Sent: Tuesday, 21 August 2007 3:13 PM
To: 'Leanne Linard'
Cc: perrett carol; paterson john
Subject: Additional PPQ -Equine Influenza Outbreak - Japan

Leanne,

I have just written a PPQ on the above and instructed that it get to you this afternoon.

I don't expect the Min will get anything tomorrow but in view of some of the big races we have coming up in AUS and the prevalence of Japanese horses that come down for them it is better to have the PPQ than not.

MK

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: cassidy robert
Sent: Wednesday, 22 August 2007 9:17 AM
To: kelly mike; perrett carol
Subject: FW: CONFIDENTIAL - Influenza in Japan - media talking points
Attachments: ARB Biosecurity.doc; EI for Inside Racing.doc

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: mahon lucy
Sent: Friday, 24 August 2007 8:22 AM
To: kelly mike
Cc: peisker tim; watson lisa; van haren tiani
Subject: Urgent Flash Brief required on Equine Influenza
Attachments: img-8240813-0001.pdf

Mike

As discussed, Craig has requested an urgent Flash Brief for the Minister on Equine Influenza, providing him an update (aside from the parliamentary brief he already has) and ensuring that none of the horses referred to in the news article that came in from overseas have come to Queensland (which you have already confirmed).

I have attached the article I believe Craig is referring to (page 2) for your perusal and have advised Craig you will also be verbally briefing the Minister very shortly, following up with a brief later today.

Any questions please give me a call.

Cheers

Lucy

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Article from: **Herald Sun**

Adrian Dunn
August 20, 2007 12:00am

THE spring carnival plans for 2006 Melbourne Cup winner Delta Blues and other Japanese horses entered for key events are in doubt after a flu outbreak.

The status of Delta Blues and his stablemate, \$10 Cup favourite Pop Rock, may not be known until next month.

The Australian Quarantine Inspection Service will ultimately decide whether the Japanese horses, which also include Shadow Gate (Cox Plate) and Tosho Knight (Caulfield and Melbourne Cups), have met the criteria to enter the country.

Symptoms of equine influenza were detected last week in Japan and all race meetings in the country were cancelled at the weekend.

Initial tests on horses stabled at Japan Racing Association facilities revealed 29 of 163 had signs of influenza. One was found to have a fever.

Pop Rock and Delta Blues, who are entered for both Cups, and Shadow Gate have been at Northern Farm for 2 1/2 months and have not been exposed to the influenza.

Northern Farm is the equivalent of a two-hour flight from where the outbreak was first located.

Racing Victoria Limited veterinary director Dr John McCaffrey acknowledged "there is some degree of doubt" about the Japanese horses coming to Melbourne, but he could not quantify it.

Dr McCaffrey said the influenza was extremely contagious and had the propensity to "spread very quickly and, if it does, that's the end of the penny section".

He said certain standards for "disease freedom" must be met by horses entering quarantine for the purpose of travelling to another country.

Dr McCaffrey said the first criteria was the property must not have had the virus for three months and the horses must have been stabled there for two months.

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Mackinnon at full pace

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Article from: **CourierMail**

By Peter Howard
August 23, 2007 12:00am

DON Mackinnon's comeback to the Queensland bloodstock industry is becoming busier by the day.

After seven years managing Turranga and then Torryburn studs in NSW, Mackinnon took up the position of general manager at Palmaday Stud near Beaudesert a month ago.

Already, Palmaday has delivered the first eight of an estimated 90 foals due this season to mares on the stud, and in a fortnight its four stallions - Minardi, first-season sire Dr Green, King of Happiness and Significant Hill will begin serving the first of 300 mares expected during spring.

Among Palmaday's early foals was the first by King of Happiness - the English and US group-winning son of Spinning Hill that Palmaday purchased last year. The foal, a colt, was born last Friday night to the Canny Lad mare Off Duty.

Three days earlier, a recent Palmaday acquisition Mandalina (a half-sister by Fasliyev to multiple group winner Natural Blitz) foaled a filly by English Derby winner Galileo, sire also last week of Makybe Diva's celebrated first foal.

Mackinnon, a former New Zealander, enhanced his reputation as a horseman when last in Queensland during which he managed the original Glenlogan Park Stud at Jimboomba and the expanded Glenlogan Park at Innis Plain, near Beaudesert, before establishing Newstead Farm also in the Beaudesert district.

He has taken over management of Palmaday from Jim Buchanan, who retired recently but is to remain as a consultant.

PERHAPS it was an omen that Platinum Scissors' first Queensland-bred foal was born in a downpour at Plaintree Farms stud on the Darling Downs.

Heather Pascoe who runs the stud in partnership with veterinarian husband David Pascoe said it was the heaviest rain received in the district in five years - as the Zabeel mare Cheiri proudly

delivered a filly early Monday.

The filly is the first of an expected 17 foals by Platinum Scissors – which will give the fertility-troubled stallion his biggest crop in three seasons at stud. Owner Muzzafar Yaseen moved Platinum Scissors, a full brother to Redoute's Choice, to Plaintree last year to bring him under the care of Dr Pascoe, whose speciality is equine reproduction.

QUEENSLAND-bound shuttle stallion St Averil is among 80 horses being held in extended quarantine in Sydney and Melbourne, as officials guard against the spread of equine influenza from Japan.

Many of the horses are shuttle stallions being consigned to studs in the southern states.

St Averil – who will stand at Goodwood Farm near Allora on the Darling Downs – was expected to arrive from Melbourne on Saturday, but is now not likely to arrive until late next week.

All horses being held in the Melbourne and Sydney quarantine stations have had their release delayed because three horses at the Sydney facility developed a mild fever after arriving. Two were from Ireland and one from the US.

Officials said there was no evidence that the horses had equine influenza, but 20 horses in stalls near the affected horses had been tested as a precaution. All horses would be held for an extra five days until all signs of temperatures or coughing had disappeared.

SPECULATION that Makybe Diva's colt by Galileo could be worth \$5 million may not be far from the mark.

The same day that the triple Melbourne Cup winner foaled her colt at Coolmore Stud in the Hunter Valley a colt by Galileo sold for A\$2.3 million at the Deauville, France, yearling sale. It was the highest price paid at Deauville in five years.

The colt was purchased by Demi O'Byrne, a regular buyer at the Magic Millions and Sydney Easter sales.

Given Makybe Diva's English heritage, her foal will attract international attention when offered for sale.

Galileo was taken off Coolmore's shuttle roster this year after five seasons travelling to Australia and remained in Ireland. His progeny are enjoying a successful English season with his winners including Soldier Of Fortune who won the Irish Derby by nine lengths and the mare Allegretto who won the two-mile Goodwood Cup.

Another of his recent English winners, Purple Moon, is being touted as a Melbourne Cup chance.

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PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: kelly mike
Sent: Monday, 27 August 2007 5:21 PM
To: matheson craig
Subject: RE: Our role in the equine influenza matter

Craig, as below

- The Department has been coordinating the Queensland Racing Industry's response to the outbreak of Equine Influenza (EI).
- The Office of Racing participated in the racing control bodies' initial decision-making conference early Saturday morning that resolved to cancel all race meetings in Queensland.
- The Integrity Officer (Dr Rob Cassidy) has been collocated at the DPI&F disease management coordination centre providing direct racing industry input into DPI disease management planning at the State-wide level.
- The Racing Science Centre (in particular Dr Bruce Young) has been providing specialist animal welfare and disease management advice to DPI and the racing control bodies (Queensland Racing Limited and the Queensland Harness Racing Board) and activated the racing industry disease management plans to stem the spread of EI within Queensland's regulated racing industry.
- Office of Racing staff have provided racing industry expertise and advice to the DPI to ensure animal husbandry practices of the racing industry are taken into account in the emergency management plans.
- The Office of Racing has collaborated with DPI and racing control bodies to establish an "exclusionary zone" plan which will allow the restricted movement and training of registered racing animals while the EI issue remains a threat to wider horse movement. Specialist advice provided by the Office of Racing has centred on balancing disease management protocols with animal welfare considerations related to high performance racing animals,
- The Racing Science Centre staff provided veterinary/technical advice to the racing industry control bodies and to private equine veterinary practitioners, and has been also been coordinating state racing industry activity with the national disease management protocols.

From: MATHESON Craig
Sent: Monday, 27 August 2007 1:11 PM
To: KELLY Mike
Subject: Our role in the equine influenza matter

Mike

Could I get you to email me a few dot points please on the specific assistance we have provided to DPI&F and others in managing the suspected cases of equine influenza. Also, if the Racing Science Centre has helped with any of the preliminary testing, that should be included as well.

Many thanks

Craig

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PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: roberts alan
Sent: Tuesday, 28 August 2007 6:02 PM
To: kelly mike
Cc: kerwick carmel; herwig anna; jarrett mark; perrett carol; cassidy robert
Subject: Racing Science Centre (RSC) providing veterinary recourses to assist the EI Emergency Response

Mike

Earlier today, RSC received an urgent request from the DPI&F State Disease Control Headquarters (SDCHQ) to provide veterinary resource to assist with field tasks in support of the Equine Influenza (EI) Emergency, including clinical assessment of horses in targeted high risk areas. DPI &F advised they do not have enough veterinary staff on hand for the task and are putting together a team of experienced vets to assist with the field activity. Given the sensitive and emerging nature of the EI Emergency, DPI &F are seeking experienced vets from other government agencies if possible. and have suggested seconding them for the duration. Dr David Auer, who has been seconded to the SDCHQ, is coordinating this team of vets.

RSC Response

_____ RSC is doing whatever we can to assist with the EI situation and has provided the following support.

As you know the RSC's Dr Bruce Young has been heavily involved in the EI situation since it emerged last Friday and is providing high level veterinary input to the racing codes, and state and national agencies. As he is a key POC and reference point, I think it's important for him to be available at the RSC to monitor and input to the various communications and flow of information, and he will be more effective continuing in that role here.

I have deployed Dr Carmel Kerwick, Senior Veterinary Officer to assist the DPI&F response group, but have not agreed to second her at this point. She will be tasked daily as required. Dr Young and Dr Kerwick will liaise direct with David Auer and other DPI&F staff on this activity.

Taskings

_____ Dr Kerwick attended a DPI &F briefing at 1300 hrs today (28/8/07). The field vets will have three key tasks:

- Conduct clinical assessment of horses for EI symptoms and collect surveillance data, including animal details, locations, population, movements etc.;

- Make recommendations on which animals should be tested and collect samples for analysis; and

- Provide information to owners and other interested persons regarding the EI outbreak and control measures etc.

This afternoon, Dr Kerwick attended properties at Prize Pocket (vicinity Moggill and Wacol), examined several horses, inspected the properties, interviewed the owners and collected samples which she subsequently delivered to the DPI Lab at Yerongapilly for analysis. The Prize Pocket location contained horses which had been at Warwick but left to return to their properties before the lockdown came into force.

RSC will liaise with DPI&F tomorrow morning to determine further taskings.

Other Support Provided

. _____ Dr Young will attend Albion Park track tomorrow morning (29/8/07) to observe and provide advice to QHRB regarding horses that attend the track for exercising under the QHRB's Exercise Policy.

We will continue to provide progress reports on these activities.

Regards

Alan

Alan L. Roberts

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PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: miller carole
Sent: Monday, 27 August 2007 10:43 AM
To: kelly mike; perrett carol; paterson john; duff michael
Subject: Meetings re Horse Flu

Dear All,

I've been speaking with Rob Cassidy and he has advised there is a meeting now with QRL re track work, Rob is organising a conference call with Andrew Kelly so Harness are involved.

There is another Stakeholder meeting scheduled for 1.00 pm today at DPI - Jim Varghese, D-G of DPI chairs these meetings his contact number is 323 93020 or you can contact Mary O'Dea on 324 75613 if you need to know when the next meeting will be scheduled.

Carole

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: Andrew Kelly <akelly@qld.harness.org.au> on behalf of Andrew Kelly
Sent: Monday, 27 August 2007 10:58 PM
To: pat.kalinowski@dpi.qld.gov.au
Cc: Bob Lette; kelly mike; Martin knobbs; Damian Raedler; Tracey Harris
Subject: QHRB EI training permit application
Attachments: Draft - QHRB Equine Influenza Decontamination Procedures.doc; image002.jpg;
QHRB - EI training permit application.doc; QHRB Racecourse Precincts.pdf

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: perrett carol
Sent: Monday, 27 August 2007 1:07 PM
To: kelly mike
Subject: FW: Dot Points for Minister

From: PERRETT Carol
Sent: Monday, 27 August 2007 12:49 PM
To: 'chris.taylor@ministerial.qld.gov.au'
Subject: Dot Points for Minister

Chris - dot points as requested.

MK

KEY Message- Equine Influenza poses no danger to human health.

· On 25 and 26 August 2007, an equestrian event involving approximately 300 horses, including horses that had travelled from New South Wales was held at Morgan Park at Warwick.

· Three horses at Warwick have tested positive to preliminary tests for Equine Influenza. Conclusive test results from the Australian Animal Health Laboratory at Geelong on samples from these horses are expected later in the week.

· The DPI&F have placed the Warwick site under quarantine.

· There is a stand-still order in force indefinitely - no horses are allowed to move within Queensland

· As at 27 August 2007, there have been no cases of Equine Influenza in thoroughbred or harness horses in Queensland.

· The major issue for trainers of race horses is that horses on high protein diets for racing need to be exercised for both the physical and mental well being of the animals. A plan to address this issue is currently being worked through between the Government and representatives of the thoroughbred and harness industry.

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: kelly mike
Sent: Monday, 27 August 2007 4:13 PM
To: matheson craig
Cc: peisker tim; perrett carol; paterson john; duff michael; young bruce
Subject: EI Action Update by exception - as at 4.00pm

Ref to briefing provided by DPI&F at SDCM this morning for background.

Issues since SDCM:

- DPI have identified 3 horses at Minden (vic West of Ipswich) that are showing clinical signs of EI (no initial test results yet available) - these are horses that left Warwick before the quarantine was est. on Sunday.
- The 'Zonal Plan' for a limited return to training by thoroughbred racehorses has been developed and is now with DPI for consideration and recommendation to the DPI Minister. This plan is based upon zones being established across Qld, with no movement of horses across zone boundaries. Stringent biosecurity measures will be applied to persons operating within zones to limit risk of EI transmission via human contact. While yet to be approved, DPI are comfortable with approach and will be recommending its approval. If approved, this will allow a return to limited trackwork of racehorses commencing Wednesday morning.
- QRL are keen to make an announcement once approval is given however, they have been told that no statement is to be made until Minister Fraser has been advised and the media release strategy discussed.
- Birdsville races - as yet no decision on conduct. The occurrences at Minden this afternoon are preventing any decision being made until more clinical information is gathered in respect to these horses and contact they may have had - both human and equine.

MK

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: kelly mike
Sent: Monday, 27 August 2007 4:22 PM
To: 'Shannon Jimmieson'
Cc: 'Leanne Linard'; peisker tim
Subject: RE: Weekly sport and racing briefing

With the current situation concerning the EI outbreak it may be better if we cancel our meeting until later in the week or next week?? - I am running between DPI and other meetings and expect another State Disaster meeting will be called tomorrow - rather than me stuff everyone around with having to cancel at the last moment it may be better just to call off the 'racing' part of our meeting. Tim may want to proceed with the other SRR issues?? Let me know what the feeling is????

MK

-----Original Message-----

From: Shannon Jimmieson [<mailto:Shannon.Jimmieson@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]

Sent: Monday, 27 August 2007 10:11 AM

To: PEISKER Tim; KELLY Mike

Cc: WATSON Lisa

Subject: Weekly sport and racing briefing

Good morning,

I thought I should check your availability before sending a meeting request.

Bomber is attending a function until 12:30 tomorrow and I understand that Tim isn't available to attend a 1pm meeting.

Would both of you be able to attend a 2:00pm meeting, or alternatively one from 3:30?

Leanne has advised that if this isn't possible then the 12pm meeting should go ahead and she can brief Bomber later.

Kind regards,



Hon. Andrew Fraser MP
Member for Mount Coot-tha



Minister for Local Government,
Planning and Sport

27 August 2007

Trackwork Allowed as of Midday Tomorrow

Trackwork at Queensland race courses will be permitted to resume at midday tomorrow under strict conditions including the monitoring of horse and staff movement, Racing Minister Andrew Fraser announced tonight.

The decision was made following discussions between the Office of Racing, Primary Industries and Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) late this afternoon.

"Since the Equine Influenza outbreak was announced in New South Wales on Saturday morning there has been a total lock down of horses across Queensland," Mr Fraser said.

"Race horses need exercise and given concerns over their welfare and the need to maintain fitness levels training will be allowed to continue under strict conditions.

"I must stress there has been no recorded case of Equine Flu having spread to the Queensland racing or harness racing industries and every measure will be taken to maintain the status quo.

"Subject to strict procedures, the racing industry will now be able to resume limited training at major centres from midday tomorrow."

Mr Fraser said the following restrictions will apply:

- Clubs are to make an application to Queensland Racing providing their approval for training to commence on their facility and agreeing to provide appropriate ausvet decontamination facilities and procedures;
- QRL will monitor track work taking all details relating to horses and staff movement;
- QRL will keep extensive databases on the movement of all horses and staff;
- Training facilities regarded as high risk will be limited to a small horse precinct in the direct vicinity to each venue;
- The horse precinct for medium risk areas will be enlarged to allow horses to be walked to the facility from within the defined area;
- Low risk areas have been restricted to remote country facilities.

QRL Chairman Bob Bentley said the measures put in place will allow the industry to resume some degree of normality, however, it is up to stakeholders to adhere strictly to the procedures that will be announced.

"Queensland Racing staff will be in contact with clubs, industry and associations to detail the procedures to be followed," Mr Bentley said.

"Resumption of racing will be determined following further discussions and will resume as soon as practically possible bearing in mind the severity of this viral disease."

Mr Fraser said the Queensland Harness Racing Board is expected to put forward a similar proposal to authorities in coming days.

Further information can be found on the Queensland Racing website www.queenslandracing.com.au or Queensland Racing's hotline (07) 3869 9747.

Media Contact: Chris Ward (Minister's Office) 0418 424 654
Claire Power (Queensland Racing) 0438 733 738

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: kelly mike
Sent: Monday, 27 August 2007 5:30 PM
To: cassidy robert; duff michael; herwig anna; jarrett mark; miller carole; paterson john;
perrett carol; roberts alan; young bruce
Subject: Well Done

Team,

We still have a very long way to go with the EI issue however, I wanted to make you aware that the Director-General contacted me today and asked me to congratulate each and every staff member on the work that has been done since late Fri/early Sat in respect to the EI outbreak.

While each of you has got on and done the job without seeking any recognition you should be aware that your commitment and professionalism has not gone unnoticed. It is these characteristics that you are demonstrating that is making a very serious situation that much safer for the racing industry and the participants.

Well done and keep up the good work.

Mike..

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: kelly mike
Sent: Monday, 27 August 2007 5:18 PM
To: peisker tim
Subject: RE: Scan Data from P177

Tim - a plan is in line to be approved by DPI this afternoon - if not already.

MK

-----Original Message-----

From: PEISKER Tim
Sent: Monday, 27 August 2007 11:01 AM
To: MATHESON Craig; KELLY Mike
Subject: FW: Scan Data from P177

Craig and Mike

Notes from Disaster Management Group meeting this morning.

Happy to brief you on main issues discussed if you would like to give me a call.

One of the key issues discussed was the policy prepared by QRL on working race horses which have been locked down. This was being discussed by QRL, DPIF and DLGPSR and QRL was looking for a decision today to allow these horses to be worked tomorrow.

Regards

Tim Peisker

Acting Executive Director

Sport, Recreation and Racing

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-----Original Message-----

From: WATSON Lisa

Sent: Monday, 27 August 2007 10:45 AM

To: PEISKER Tim

Subject: FW: Scan Data from P177

Hi Tim,

Please see attached. Please note however Double sided scanning doesn't seem to scan head-to head.

The recipient may need to print to read it properly

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-----Original Message-----

From: P177@dlgpsr.qld.gov.au [<mailto:P177@dlgpsr.qld.gov.au>]

Sent: Monday, 27 August 2007 10:40 AM

To: WATSON Lisa

Subject: Scan Data from P177

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: kelly mike
Sent: Tuesday, 28 August 2007 8:09 AM
To: paterson john
Cc: perrett carol
Subject: FW: Equestrian issues

John - can you get onto Rob and ask him to find out a person we can give as the POC for this and let Paula know.

MK

From: KELLY Mike
Sent: Tuesday, 28 August 2007 8:08 AM
To: PEISKER Tim; MATHESON Craig
Cc: FLOOD Paula; SPRANKLIN Emma
Subject: RE: Equestrian issues

Paula - the issue of compensation for costs incurred is governed by a national agreement between Feds/State and some of the industry organisations. DG, DPI was meeting with his counterparts yesterday to discuss. Any compensation issues are handled by DPI under the agreement. EQ have, I understand, already been talking to DPI re this. I will ascertain a point of contact in DPI for them to contact direct. John Paterson will advise you as soon as we can get some info.

MK

From: PEISKER Tim
Sent: Tuesday, 28 August 2007 7:41 AM
To: MATHESON Craig; KELLY Mike
Cc: FLOOD Paula; SPRANKLIN Emma
Subject: FW: Equestrian issues

Craig and Mike

Advice on the equine influenza issues SRR was asked to follow up on is outlined below.

In summary:

Leslie Dam has space available in a separate lodge if required. We are liaising with DoC this morning to see where they are at with their support/assistance arrangements and whether this space would be of assistance.

Equestrian Queensland, Pony Club Association of Queensland and Queensland Endurance Riders Association advise that they have contacted their members, have linkages on their web site and are directing all inquiries to DPIF.

Equestrian Queensland advise that do not have any further events planned in the immediate future and are monitoring the situation on a daily basis.

Mike

Equestrian Queensland asked us the following question yesterday (see below):

Equestrian Queensland has heard that DPI is issuing notices to each of the 250 horse owners who have been quarantined at Morgan Park for the medication and food costs associated with housing the horses. Rob Ferguson has requested any assistance we may be able to provide in determining who will be required to cover these costs, ie the State Government as it was a Government-imposed quarantine action or the owners themselves.

Should we direct Equestrian Queensland to DPIF regarding this question. Could you please call Paula Flood (54635) and advise.

Regards

Tim Peisker

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-----Original Message-----

From: FLOOD Paula
Sent: Monday, 27 August 2007 3:31 PM
To: PEISKER Tim
Subject: Equestrian issues

Hi Tim,

Following our earlier discussions, please find below information from Tim and Emma.

Accommodation options

Umbirum Lodge at Leslie Dam Active Recreation Centre (ARC) is available from today until 13 September then from 17 September until the end of the month. Umbirum Lodge can accommodate up to 30 people, 2 per room. Umbirum Lodge has a separate commercial kitchen from the rest of the Centre and its own bathrooms/toilets.

Whilst Umbirum Lodge has its own commercial kitchen, we do not allow unlimited access to kitchens. Individuals would not be able to self cater although we would accept a situation where a small number of people catered for the full group. It would be challenging to try to organise a commercial caterer on short notice although we could explore options if required.

Storm King Dam is currently available from 3 September to 11 September. Individuals would not be able to self cater although we would accept a situation where a small number of people catered for the full group.

Response of Equestrian sports

EQUESTRIAN QUEENSLAND

<http://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/>

Equestrian Queensland has posted a notice on their website to advise members to contact DPI. They have also provide significant information regarding quarantine guidelines and restrictions. Equestrian Queensland are also issuing an e-bulletin to all members this afternoon to provide further information. They are confident their members have been informed.

The event at Morgan Park (Warwick) on the weekend was an Eventing event which provided Olympic selection opportunities. There are no other Olympic selection events coming up in the near future in Queensland which will be affected.

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PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND

<http://www.pcaq.asn.au/>

Pony Club have posted information on their website and are directing all enquiries to DPI. They are confident they have contacted their members. They will address the issues effecting events on an as needs basis.

QUEENSLAND ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

<http://www.aera.asn.au/qera/>

Endurance Riders are confident their members are aware of the restrictions in place and have been directing members and enquires to DPI. They are also addressing events on a case by case basis.

A concern raised by both Endurance Riders and Pony Club relate to recreational/pleasure horse owners being aware of the restrictions in place. They were concerned that the media attention was focussing on thoroughbred horses and would like to see more media regarding recreational horse owners.

Thanks

Paula

Paula Flood

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PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: perrett carol
Sent: Tuesday, 28 August 2007 10:35 AM
To: willis jane
Cc: peisker tim; kelly mike
Subject: RE: Q&As Equine Influenza
Attachments: FAQs.doc

Jane

Please find attached questions as requested for the DPI website. No doubt DPI will review and may wish to amend/add to the answers.

Regards Carol

From: WILLIS Jane
Sent: Tuesday, 28 August 2007 10:12 AM
To: PERRETT Carol
Subject: Q&As Equine Influenza

Hi Carol - can you please advise me of the status of the Q&As. I am keen to get the information to DPI ASAP today.

Many thanks

Jane Willis

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How can I protect my horse?

- Keep your horse away from other horses.
- If you have contact with other horses scrub your footwear in disinfectant, shower and change your clothes before handling your horse.
- If you have contact with a sick horse do not go near another horse for 72 hours.

How do I protect my property from possible infection?

Before entering or leaving any premises holding horses, horse owners or handlers should:

- wear clothes and footwear which have had no contact with horses
- if there is any doubt, clothes should be laundered in a hot wash or dry-cleaned and footwear be cleaned and disinfected.
- shower or wash using plenty of warm water and soap, and
- clean and disinfect any item or equipment that may have been in contact with horses including horse transport vehicles.

People having no contact with horses do not need to take special precautions.

What about my feed delivery?

Non-essential vehicles and visitors must be prevented from entering areas of the premises that hold horses. Arrange whenever possible for collection and delivery of supplies to take place at the boundary of the premises.

Should I cancel my farrier/chiropractor/massage therapist/dentist?

Access to properties should only be allowed if the matter is an emergency. Where possible do not make arrangements for these types of visits until after the stock standstill has been lifted.

Where visits do take place ensure appropriate disinfection occurs by the property owner and the visitor.

How do I disinfect my gear?

Equine influenza virus can easily be killed by vigorous cleaning and disinfection of potentially contaminated hands, clothing and objects and is rapidly inactivated by exposure to ultraviolet light.

A dirty surface must always be cleaned thoroughly before it can be satisfactorily disinfected. Organic material such as dirt, manure and straw may neutralise the disinfectant and make it useless.

It is therefore most important that anything that must be disinfected is first thoroughly washed and cleaned and finally washed down or sprayed with an approved disinfectant.

Bleach, diluted as per the manufacturer's recommendation, is a suitable disinfectant.

Specific agents to kill viruses are available. Please consult your veterinarian for further information.

As disinfectants and chemicals can be irritant, persons handling them should always read the product label and follow the manufacturer's instructions, and wear protective clothing as necessary.

Am I able to use the local streets to exercise for my horse?

No. During the Equine Standstill it is illegal to move horses without a permit.

See the Queensland Racing website at www.queenslandracing.com.au which is being updated as changes occur or contact the Queensland Racing hotline (07) 3869 9747.

Am I able to access a racecourse to train or exercise my horse?

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What should I do if I suspect my horse has equine influenza?

You should isolate the horse from other horses in your stable and immediately contact your local veterinary surgeon.

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: perrett carol
Sent: Tuesday, 28 August 2007 12:15 PM
To: willis jane
Cc: kelly mike; peisker tim
Subject: RE: Q&As Equine Influenza

Jane

As the situation is changing rapidly, I thought it was better to make the general comment that "it is illegal to move horses without a permit" and refer them to Queensland Racing. Queensland Racing is updating its website 3 times a day and has all relevant information for trainers who wish to obtain a permit.

We could add the following info from the Qld Racing website under the question "Am I able to access a racecourse to train or exercise my horse?":

"Approval has been given to resume training at approved racecourses from Thursday 28 August 2007. The permit requires that only horses stabled on approved racecourses, or specified stables in the precinct in close proximity to the racecourse (for walk on to the venue) will be permitted to train at the venue with the express permission of Queensland Racing. No horse can be floated or led to or from a stable or property into a public thoroughfare until further notice, without the express permission of QRL and/or the DPI.

Application forms for trainers to obtain a permit to move horses to training facilities must be made to Queensland Racing Limited. The procedures to follow are detailed on Queensland Racing's website."

The Queensland Harness Racing Board has not yet obtained DPI approval to allow training so no comment should be made pre-empting any decision at this time. A decision is expected later today. If approval is given we can then include references to the Queensland Harness Racing Board's website and phone number .

Regards Carol

From: WILLIS Jane
Sent: Tuesday, 28 August 2007 11:24 AM
To: PERRETT Carol
Subject: RE: Q&As Equine Influenza

Hi Carol - Craig came back to me with a request that a few extra Q&As are added around the decisions last night about the zonal plans for horoughbred and harness racing. He felt that a blanket statement about it being illegal to move your horse might be misleading to people.

Please call me if you need to discuss.

Regards

Jane Willis

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PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: miller carole
Sent: Tuesday, 28 August 2007 11:25 AM
To: kelly mike
Subject: Phone Message

Please call Alan Roberts on 3862 1477 re outcome of Emergency Response Group meeting this morning - vet services from RSC.

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: perrett carol
Sent: Tuesday, 28 August 2007 3:02 PM
To: kelly mike
Subject: Harness

Mike

Rob advised that approval has been given for the Harness Board to commence track work. They are going to try to start track work at the Gold Coast tonight and then again tomorrow morning. The setting up for the Gold Coast Show will start on Wednesday or Thursday so they will not be able to train during the show period.

It is proposed that Redcliffe and Albion Park will commence track work on Wed morning.

Carol

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: kelly mike
Sent: Tuesday, 28 August 2007 3:35 PM
To: matheson craig; peisker tim; 'Leanne Linard'
Cc: perrett carol; paterson john; duff michael; roberts alan; young bruce; cassidy robert
Subject: Harness Update re Commencement of trackwork

Dear All,

DPI has given approval for the Harness Code to recommence training at harness tracks, subject to safeguards similar to those already approved in the thoroughbred code.

Track work will commence at the Gold Coast (Parklands) tonight and then again tomorrow morning. The setting up for the Gold Coast Show will start on Wednesday or Thursday so they will not be able to train during the show period (this is the usual situation re the Gold Coast during show time).

Depending on how 'smooth' Gold Coast goes tonight it is anticipated that track work will recommence at Redcliffe and Albion Park on Wednesday morning.

Harness race meetings will not be conducted before early next week. Situation will be reassessed on Sunday to determine a recommence date.

MK

Bruce/Rob - well done re the work you have done recently re assisting to get this up. The QHRB appreciates the effort provided.

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: kelly mike
Sent: Tuesday, 28 August 2007 3:41 PM
To: matheson craig
Cc: peisker tim
Subject: Recommencement of Harness and Thoroughbred training work

Craig,

It is good news that we have got these plans approved.

The critical time will be the next 24 - 48 hrs as we keep a close watch on the animals involved re any hint of elevated temperatures/other clinical signs of EI. The zonal model and matrix approach to usage will allow rapid containment if any issues arise. The risk is low considering the protocols established, but there is a risk so everyone is still watching closely.

I will have a Strategic Update issued this afternoon for Disease control HQ - it is due at either 1700 or 1900 and I will promulgate once available.

MK

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: kelly mike
Sent: Tuesday, 28 August 2007 5:29 PM
To: matheson craig; peisker tim; 'Leanne Linard'
Subject: Latest QRL Update Release to Industry (as at 5.00pm).
Attachments: DeagonZone.jpg; EagleFarmandDoomben.jpg; image001.jpg

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: kelly mike
Sent: Tuesday, 28 August 2007 7:37 PM
To: matheson craig; peisker tim
Cc: 'Leanne Linard'
Subject: FW: Equine Influenza public notices to appear tomorrow
Attachments: 3111_Animal dse_190x128_E.pdf

An important notice for horse owners

Equine Influenza precautions

Several horses in Queensland have tested positive to the Equine Influenza Virus at two locations around Warwick and Minden.

There is no health risk to humans.

A national ban on the movement of horses will remain in place until revoked. No horses of any type, including pets, riding club, show animals and donkeys can travel anywhere in Australia unless a special permit has been granted.

Anyone who comes in contact with a horse should shower thoroughly and disinfect their clothing before coming in contact with other horses.

The Queensland Government is working in partnership with the Federal Government, industry and community stakeholders to contain and control the spread of the virus.

All efforts are being made to limit the impact of the ban on movement on the industry and the community. The Government is working to determine how it can best assist those affected by the ban.

Questions about your horse's health should be directed to your local veterinarian.

If you have any questions about the disease or quarantine restrictions, please call the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries on **13 25 23** or visit **www.dpi.qld.gov.au**

DPI&F 3111/E

Visit www.dpi.qld.gov.au or call **13 25 23**

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PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: kelly mike
Sent: Tuesday, 28 August 2007 8:18 PM
To: matheson craig; peisker tim; Leanne.Linard@ministerial.qld.gov.au
Subject: EI UPDATE as at 2015 hrs

No update as yet. Have checked with DPI - only sig change is they have found 3 horses at ROSEWOOD (vic west of Ipswich) that are showing symptoms of EI. Samples taken today and awaiting preliminary results.

Gold Coast harness tonight went well.

MK

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: kelly mike
Sent: Tuesday, 28 August 2007 9:03 PM
To: matheson craig; peisker tim; Leanne.Linard@ministerial.qld.gov.au
Cc: heyward brett; hoekstra margaret; saini bal; perrett carol; paterson john; roberts alan; cassidy robert; IMCEAEX-_o=PWH_ou=AlbionRSC_cn=Recipients_cn=Bruce+2EYoung@dlgpsr.qld.gov.au; ffm1@bigpond.com.au
Subject: FW: Situation report 4 - EI
Attachments: forward1.txt; Situation Report 4 August 28.doc

Control HQ Sitrep as at 1900 hrs 28 Aug is attached.

New areas of concern identified however, there will be more of these in days to come I suspect - key is identifying and controlling them.

MK

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Crook, Allison" <Allison.Crook@dpi.qld.gov.au>

Sent: 28/08/07 8:26:44 PM

To: "Varghese, Jim" <Jim.Varghese@>

Situation Report 4

Equine Influenza Response

19:00hrs Tuesday 28 August 2007

Situation

National

Equine Influenza (EI) remains contained to New South Wales and Queensland. Evidence of extension of infection to further sites in both NSW and Queensland is present.

Queensland

Three sites in Queensland remain under quarantine on the strong suspicion of EI.

Two sites, Morgan Park (IP1)* and Minden (IP3), are quarantined on the basis of PCR positive results in horses with clinical respiratory signs.

The third site at Helidon (SP2)* remains in quarantine. The horses were examined today and found to be healthy. The horses will continue to be retained under quarantine and their health status assessed before the quarantine is lifted and the horses are allowed to either move on under permit, or remain at the site under the standstill.

Results for a fourth site with positive PCR have been received late this evening. Arrangements for client notification and quarantine procedures are in hand. The fourth property is a direct trace from IP3 from horses that travelled in the same consignment from the event at Maitland.

The Standstill Notice for the state of Queensland remains in place and is effective until revoked. The declaration of the Restricted Area (RA) around Morgan Park (IP1) has been finalised and gazetted. It becomes effective on Wednesday 29 August.

The State Disease Control Headquarters (SDCHQ) continued in full operational mode throughout 27 August together with the Local Disease Control Centre (LDCC) at Toowoomba.

The major issues being addressed continue to be the logistics associated with the management of the horses and people at Warwick (IP1) and follow up of the tracings from both IP1 and IP3 and tracings received from NSW.

Reports of sick horses not associated with IP1 or IP3 are being received into SDCHQ and are being handled on a priority basis.

* IP = infected premise

* SP = suspect premise

* DCP = dangerous contact premise

Operations

Activities have centred on Morgan Park at Warwick where spread of a second round of infection is now likely. A total of 243 horses remain at the site. The on-site vets report that 30% of the horses are now exhibiting clinical signs of respiratory disease.

The first round of results on horses on IP1 with links to Maitland is expected to be available tomorrow. Persons and vehicles at the site are permitted to leave and return under permit and with appropriate decontamination.

A large number of enquires regarding horse movement requirements continue to be handled by the Business Information Centre.

Tracing

Monitoring of horses released from Warwick prior to the quarantine on Saturday August 25 continues. The location of all horses is known and Biosecurity Inspectors have been in contact with all owners and provided advice on appropriate biosecurity measures and health care for their horses. A plan has been developed for visits to each property by a veterinarian to assess the health status of the horses. It is 5 days since the horses left the Morgan Park site. This is epidemiologically significant from an incubation period point of view.

Surveillance

Standard operating procedures have been developed for use by private practitioners when assisting with surveillance.

A surveillance plan for the Restricted Area (RA) is under development.

Planning

Epidemiological assessment of the situation in Queensland is being undertaken with a view to developing contingency plans for predicted development of the disease profile in the State.

Epidemiological assessment of the horses at Warwick continues to better understand the disease. Clinical reports continue to support general comments about the relative mildness of the disease in horses.

Media

Media has continued to be managed by the Ministers office and Strategic Marketing and Communication. Updating of the DPI&F website is under continual review and it is being updated as necessary. The website is being used as a primary vehicle for information distribution. Indications are that a high proportion of horse owners do use specific sites on the internet to obtain knowledge of industry events. Ensuring linkages exist to and from the DPI&F site is essential.

Industry liaison

Approval was provided to the harness racing industry to allow limited exercise / track work of racing in specific racing precincts. This approval follows the approvals provided to the flat racing horse industry yesterday.

Industry continues to support the DPI&F response to date and have provided a large effort in communicating with their relevant industries in support of the standstill zone.

Administration

The SDCHQ remains functional in the Executive Conference room on the ground floor of Primary Industries Building. The LDCC remains functional at the Tor St conference centre in Toowoomba with a forward command post in Warwick.

The next SitRep is due at 17:00 on Wednesday 29 August unless there are significant developments in the interim.

Allison Crook
Director SDHQ

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: kelly mike
Sent: Wednesday, 29 August 2007 10:43 AM
To: matheson craig; perrett carol; peisker tim; 'Leanne Linard'
Subject: Re - Planned network outage tonight between 6:00pm - Midnight

This should have minimum impact re EI issues - will only effect any update briefs from Disease Mgt HQ which I will do by phone if req.

MK

Subject
EMIF Initiative Funding

Good morning Mike. Grateful for your assistance if you can advise us for the mechanics for obtaining the funding for EMIF. We have currently expended some funds but, substantial amounts will begin to flow with the production of the TV commercial.
Should we be speaking to your department or direct to Treasury?

regards,

Tony Hanmer

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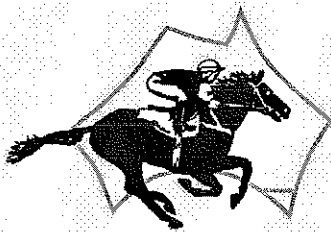
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PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: Pat Kalinowski <pat.kalinowski@dpi.qld.gov.au> on behalf of Pat Kalinowski
Sent: Wednesday, 29 August 2007 12:19 PM
To: rsanders@queenslandracing.com.au; m.hohenhaus@uq.edu.au; wvc@gil.com.au; akelly@qld.harness.org.au; cassidy robert; shumba2000@bigpond.com; kelly mike; young bruce; big.john@eldersnet.com.au; ffm1@bigpond.com; berrylea; bob@flexi.net.au
Cc: John L Roberts; EI_SDCHQ_Planning_Manager; Amity Sturwohld
Subject: Industry Liasion Teleconference

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: cassidy robert
Sent: Wednesday, 29 August 2007 3:19 PM
To: Allison Crook; 'Ron.Glanville@dpi.qld.gov.au'
Cc: 'Pat.Kalinowski@dpi.qld.gov.au'; 'Reid Sanders'; kelly mike
Subject: FW: Industry Notice re Addition of New Provision to AR.64K
Attachments: Industry notice AR.64K.doc



Australian Racing Board Limited

INDUSTRY NOTICE RE ADDITION OF NEW PROVISION TO AR.64K

The Australian Racing Board has approved, effective Tuesday 28th August, the addition of the following subrule to AR.64K:

“7(A) Where a declaration has been made under subrule (1), the Stewards may give any direction or order with respect to bio-security precautions that shall be taken by any person on licensed premises, or in handling or riding racehorses.”

AR.64K now provides as follows:

“AR. 64K. (1) The Australian Racing Board may, by order in writing, declare an infectious or contagious animal disease or condition to be a notifiable disease or condition for the purposes of this Rule.

(2) A person who owns or is in charge of, or has in his possession or control, a horse which the person suspects or should reasonably suspect is infected with a notifiable disease or condition, and who does not, as soon as possible after he should have suspected or became aware that the horse is infected, report the fact to the Principal Racing Authority in that State or Territory by the quickest means of communication available to the person is guilty of an offence.

(3) A person who owns or is in charge of, or has in his possession or control, a horse which the person suspects or shall reasonably suspect is infected with notifiable disease or condition must as far as practicable keep that horse separate from other horses or animals not so infected. A person who contravenes this subrule is guilty of an offence.

(4) If they reasonably suspect any premises, place or area to be contaminated with a notifiable disease or condition, the Stewards may by order in writing declare it to be an infected place. Such written notice of an order declaring any premises, place or area to be an infected place must be given to the owner or person in charge or in apparent control of the premises, place or area to which the order relates.

(5) If they reasonably suspect any vehicle to be contaminated with a notifiable disease or condition, the Stewards may by order in writing declare it to be an infected vehicle. Such written notice of an order declaring a vehicle to be an

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infected vehicle must be given to the owner or person in charge or in apparent control of the vehicle to which the order relates.

(6) Any person (other than a person expressly authorised to do so by the Stewards) who brings, moves, takes or allows any person to bring, move or take any animal, fodder or fitting into, within or out of any such premises, place, area or vehicle, declared under subrules (4) or (5), or who causes, permits or assists any vehicle to enter or leave any such premises, place or area is guilty of an offence.

(7) Without limiting their powers, the Stewards may attach conditions to an authorisation referred to in subrule (6) including conditions that the animal, fodder, fitting or vehicle to which the authorisation relates - must first be disinfected to the satisfaction of the Stewards and in a manner specified by the Stewards before leaving or being taken out of the infected place or infected vehicle; and must not go or be brought to any other premises or place where any specified animals, fodder or fittings are located.

7(A) Where a declaration has been made under subrule (1), the Stewards may give any direction or order with respect to bio-security precautions that shall be taken by any person on licensed premises, or in handling or riding racehorses.

(8) An order made under this Rule comes into effect on the day it is made.”

**Andrew Harding
Chief Executive
Australian Racing Board Ltd**

29th August 2007



Agenda

Date: Thursday 30 August 2007
To Commence: 10.30am
Venue: Level 13, Queensland Room
Executive Building, George Street, Brisbane

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| 1. | Welcome | Chair |
| 2. | Action Items | Chair |
| 3. | Equine Influenza Status Report | DPI&F |
| 4. | Industry/Commonwealth Impacts and Responses | |
| 5. | Communication Strategy | |
| 6. | Other Agency Reports | |
| 7. | Other Business | |

End

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: Margaret Bruce <mbruce@emergency.qld.gov.au> on behalf of Margaret Bruce
Sent: Wednesday, 29 August 2007 3:46 PM
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Cc: State Disaster Management Group
Attachments: Agenda 30 Aug 07 draft.doc

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: cassidy robert
Sent: Wednesday, 29 August 2007 5:54 PM
To: kelly mike
Subject: FW: Equine Influenza Update

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: Pat Kalinowski <pat.kalinowski@dpi.qld.gov.au> on behalf of Pat Kalinowski
Sent: Wednesday, 29 August 2007 6:30 PM
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young bruce; big.john@eldersnet.com.au; ffm1@bigpond.com; berrylea;
bob@flexi.net.au; Phil Mitchell
Cc: EI_SDCHQ_Situation_and_Awareness_Officer; John L Roberts; Karen V Skelton
Subject: Industry Liason Update

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- Approximately 75% of the thoroughbred population now have access to training facilities.
- QRL will continue to approve more training facilities today.
- QRL will make a decision around midday today regarding racing at Mackay next Tuesday.
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Media contact: Senior Communications Officer, Claire Power, (07) 3869 9760.

PERRETT Carol-Ann

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Sent: Thursday, 30 August 2007 8:38 AM
To: young bruce
Subject: FW: Equine Influenza Control Group. Subject: Briefing on the current management of the Equine Influenza

When: Thursday, 30 August 2007 9:15 AM-10:00 AM (GMT+10:00) Brisbane.

Where: DGs Large Conf Room L8?

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From: Varghese, Jim On Behalf Of Varghese, Jim

Sent: Wednesday, 29 August 2007 5:51 PM

To: KELLY Mike; Varghese, Jim

Subject: FW: Equine Influenza Control Group. Subject: Briefing on the current management of the Equine Influenza

When: Thursday, 30 August 2007 9:15 AM-10:00 AM (GMT+10:00) Brisbane.

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Hi Mike - attached are details of Control Group meeting tomorrow morning. Mary's details are also outlined below.

Regards

Charmian

From: Varghese, Jim [<mailto:Jim.Varghese@dpi.qld.gov.au>]

Sent: Wednesday, 29 August 2007 5:42 PM

To: Varghese, Jim; Andrew Easton, AVA; Arthy, Kareena; Bob Frappel, ATB Breeders; Crook, Allison; Dahl, Julie@Ministerial; David Potter; Fiona McKersie; Gerard Bradley; Glanville, Ron; Greg Hallam, LGAQ; John Gardiner; John Stewart; Jones, Michael K, RD South; KINNANE Michael; Lamb, Lynette; Mal Grierson; Mark Hohenhaus; McCarthy, Sinead; Michael Reis; Mooney, Jackie; Morland, Louise; O'Dea, Mary; Rayner, Tony; CASSIDY Robert; Ron Bellingham; Rous, Steven; Ryan, Sue; Setter, Robert; Skinner, John; PEISKER Tim; Turner, Bruce; Varghese, Jim; Woods, Beth

Subject: Equine Influenza Control Group. Subject: Briefing on the current management of the Equine Influenza

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Dear Colleagues

I would like to confirm that the Equine Influenza Control Group meeting will be held at 9.15am on 30 August 2007.

The agenda and papers for the meeting will be distributed by 8.30 am tomorrow (Thursday).

For those people teleconferencing into the meeting the telephone contact numbers are as follows:

Dial: 1800 681 583

Dial: Account number 742 418 46

Dial: Pin Number 9025

Mary O'Dea

Manager

Office of the Director-General

Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries

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Brief

- * NOTE - 60 minute meeting - 9.15am to 10.15am
- * Meeting requested by the Director-General
- * Papers to be provided at the meeting

Contact

- * Mary O'Dea - (0417) 191 395

Participants

- * Jim Varghese (Chair)
- * Robert Setter
- * Kareena Arthy
- * Ron Glanville

- * Allison Crook
- * Julie Dahl
- * Dave Potter
- * Louise Morland
- * Steve Rous
- * Bruce Turner
- * John Skinner
- * Lynette Lamb
- * Sue Ryan
- * Jackie Mooney
- * Sinead McCarthy
- * Tony Rayner (representing the ADGRD)
- * Mike Jones
- * Mal Grierson (DPC) or his representative
- * Fiona McKersie (DES) or her representative
- * Gerard Bradley (QT) or his representative
- * Michael Kinnane (DLPSR) or his representative
- * Linda Apelt (DOC) or her representative
- * Mary O'Dea (Secretariat)
- * Bob Bentley, Queensland Racing Industry -
- * Reid Saunders, Queensland Racing Industry -
- * Andrew Easton, AVA
- * Bob Frappel, QTB Breeders
- * Mark Hohenhaus, President, Queensland House Council
- * Greg Hallam, Local Government Association of Queensland
- * Alison Sharp, Communications, Department of the Premier and Cabinet

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PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: hayden scott
Sent: Thursday, 30 August 2007 8:58 AM
To: kelly mike
Subject: FW: AGENDA AND PAPERS FOR EQUINE INFLUENZA CONTROL GROUP MEETING AT 9.15 AM
Attachments: Action Report for 30 August 2007 Equine Influenza Control Group.pdf; Agenda 30 August 2007 - Equine Influenza Control Group.doc; Briefing For Control Group 30 Aug.doc; Draft Meeting Report for 27 August 2007.pdf



Queensland Equine Influenza Bulletin

30 August 2007

12.30pm

Issue 8

- Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) are continuing the induction process for the remaining clubs that have applied for training.
- This process will ensure all clubs are aware of their responsibilities to ensure appropriate decontamination processes are adhered to as well as the accurate recording of both horse and human movement to and from the facility.
- The Mackay Turf Club meeting scheduled for next Tuesday has been abandoned.
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Sent: Thursday, 30 August 2007 12:42 PM
Subject: Queensland Equine Influenza Bulletin 12.30pm
Attachments: image001.jpg; Queensland EI Bulletin 300807 12.30pm.doc

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: willis jane
Sent: Thursday, 30 August 2007 1:11 PM
To: kelly mike; perrett carol; matheson craig; peisker tim; bain christine
Subject: FW: Qld Equine Influenza Update No 4 (Wednesday 29 August, 2007)

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: John L Roberts <john.roberts@dpi.qld.gov.au> on behalf of John L Roberts
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Cc: Pat Kalinowski
Subject: FW: Industry Liason Update

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: cassidy robert
Sent: Thursday, 30 August 2007 6:38 PM
To: kelly mike
Subject: Equine Influenza Racing Industry Fund

Mike,

Racing NSW has announced the Federal Govt has set up a \$4 million equine influenza fund for racing industry participants.

Follow the link for further details: <http://www.racingnsw.com.au/newsitem.asp?parm=5241>

Regards,

Robert Cassidy

Principal Integrity Officer

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PERRETT Carol-Ann

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To: Jim Varghese; Robert Setter; Kareena Arthy; Ron Glanville
Cc: Graham Brown; Laurie A Dowling; Haydn Counsell; Eddie Gilbert; Steven Rous; Jones Michael K RD South; Paul Walmsley; Tony Rayner; Karen V Skelton; Mary O'Dea; Jackie Mooney; Russell Gilmour; Tim Farry; Keith Mccubbin; Rowan Lambourne; Simon W Bewg; cassidy robert; Karen V Skelton; Janet Berry; Fiona Ferguson; Ian Douglas; John L Roberts; Mark Cozens; Patrick Jones; Debbie Rainbird; Cara McNicol; bob.biddle@daff.gov.au; David@Ministerial Potter; Rod J Thompson; kelly mike; young bruce; Lana Cronin; Morrow.GregoryA@police.qld.gov.au; EI_ALL_LDCC; EI_ALL_SDCHQ
Subject: RE: Situation report 6 - EI
Attachments: Situation Report 6 August 30.doc

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From: Biosecurity Queensland <biosecurityqld@dpi.qld.gov.au> on behalf of Biosecurity Queensland
Sent: Thursday, 30 August 2007 8:36 PM
To: kelly mike
Subject: Equine Influenza Update 5

PERRETT Carol-Ann

From: kelly mike
Sent: Thursday, 30 August 2007 10:58 PM
To: matheson craig; young bruce
Cc: cassidy robert
Subject: FW: Stewards Report
Attachments: image001.jpg; Stewards Inquiry Darren Hooper 30 August 2007.doc

Stewards Report – 30 August 2007
Trainer - Darren Hooper

This afternoon an Inquiry was opened into a report received this morning from Stewards attending the Redcliffe racecourse precinct, relating to activities of Trainer Darren Hooper. During the course of this inquiry, evidence was taken from Trainer D Hooper and Part-owner Mr B Hooper.

At about 8.25am, Trainer D Hooper presented two horses for trackwork, being TOTALLY MISLED, driven by himself, and JELLY BELLY, which was being driven by Mr Brett Hooper. When questioned about his licenced status, Mr Brett Hooper advised Steward Michael Castillo that he was a licensed stablehand in NSW and was making application for a similar licence with the QHRB. On this advice, the horses then proceeded onto the track and worked.

Subsequently, contact was made with the GHRRA (NSW Controlling Body) who advised the QHRB that Mr Brett Hooper is not, nor has ever been, licensed with that Controlling Body.

It is a current requirement under the strict Government standstill orders of horse movement, that trainers apply for a permit to move horses to training facilities. Part of this application requires an applicant to provide details of *'staff proposed to be utilised during this application'* in this form. Trainer D Hooper had made his application for permit on 28 August 2007 but failed to include Mr B Hooper in the application.

At the conclusion of the evidence, both persons were charged with breaches of Australian Harness Racing Rules as follows:

Mr Brett Hooper pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 204, which states:

"A person shall not carry out the duties of a stablehand on a racecourse unless that person holds a trainers, drivers or stablehands license".

The particulars being that he carried out duties of a stablehand for trainer Mr D Hooper on 29 and 30 August 2007 when he did not hold a stablehand licence.

Mr B Hooper was fined the sum of \$500.

Mr B Hooper pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 209, which states:

"A person employed, engaged or participating in the harness racing industry shall not knowingly or recklessly furnish false information to the Controlling Body, the stewards or anyone else".

The particulars being that he knowingly furnished false information to the Stewards by purporting himself to be licensed as a stablehand in NSW to Steward Mr M Castillo knowing this information to be false.

Mr B Hooper was disqualified for a period of three (3) months.

Mr B Hooper pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 239, which states:

“A person shall not do anything which can only be done at the order, direction or requirement of the Controlling Body or the Stewards in the absence of contrary to, such order, direction or requirement”.

The particulars being that he undertook driving activities on 30 August 2007 with standardbred horses which are under a Queensland Government standstill order without applying for, or obtaining the necessary permit from the Controlling Body, issued on behalf of the Department of Primary Industries, as required.

Mr B Hooper was disqualified for a period of three (3) months.

Stewards ordered the penalties imposed under Rules 209 and 239 be served concurrently.

Trainer Mr D Hooper pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 239(A), which states:

“A person whose conduct or negligence has led or could lead to a breach of the rules is guilty of an offence”.

The particulars being that he was negligent by failing to ascertain the licensed status of his brother Mr B Hooper, and therefore allowed him to carry out the duties of a stablehand when he did not hold a stablehand licence.

Mr D Hooper was fined the sum of \$500.

Mr D Hooper pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 238, which states:

“A person shall not fail to comply with any order, direction or requirement of the Controlling Body or the Stewards relating to Harness Racing or to the Harness Racing Industry”.

The particulars being that he failed to include Mr Brett Hooper as ‘*staff proposed to be utilised during this application*’ in his application for permit to move standardbred horses during the Queensland Government standstill order. This resulted in him failing to comply with the directions of such order, when Mr B Hooper performed licensed activities on 30 August 2007 without the necessary permit from the Controlling Body, issued on behalf of the Department of Primary Industries, as required.

Mr Darren Hooper was disqualified for a period of six (6) months.

**Martin Knibbs
Chairman of Stewards**

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Equine Influenza Response
17:00 hrs Wednesday 5 December 2007

IP by Shire Report

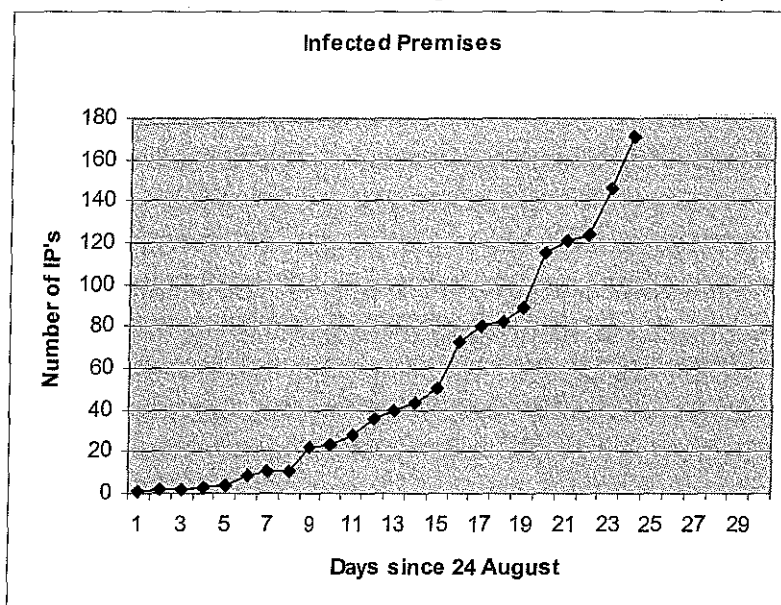
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BEAUDESERT SHIRE	662
BOONAH SHIRE	19
BRISBANE CITY	178
CABOOLTURE SHIRE	68
CAMBOOYA SHIRE	45
CLIFTON SHIRE	27
CROWS NEST SHIRE	2
ESK SHIRE	243
GATTON SHIRE	16
GOLD COAST CITY	113
IPSWICH CITY	221
JONDARYAN SHIRE	3
LAIDLEY SHIRE	218
LOGAN CITY	19
PINE RIVERS SHIRE	80
PITTSWORTH SHIRE	1
WARWICK SHIRE	147
Total	2062

- At 5:00pm today there were 2062 IPs, 159 DCPs and 484 SPs.
- There were no new IPs today for the first time !!
- The Green Zone remains free of confirmed infection.

Rick Webster, Director, SDCHQ

**Situation Report 24
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
17.30 hrs Monday 17 September 2007**

- Twenty five (25) new IPs (Infected Premises) are reported to give a total of 167 IPs. It is recognised that this figure is an underestimate of the actual number of premises with infected horses.
- The most significant new IP is at Millmerran approximately 80 km from the nearest known IP at present. Positive PCR test results were recorded on 2 of 2 horses sampled on the property. These samples will be retested tomorrow and duplicate PCR tests will be undertaken at the Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL). Sera from the horses will also be tested.
- Other new IPs are 6 at Warwick, 9 at Minden-Rosewood, 9 at Tamborine.
- Maps of the areas contained within 10 km radii of all infected premises has established that infected horses are contained within 5,384 sq km or 0.3% of the total Queensland land area. These figures are based on 2 day old data.



Summary of IP's and Locality

Locality	No. of IPs	No. of new cases over 5 days
Warwick	44(6)	10
Brisbane Western suburbs	28	6
Minden /Rosewood	49(9)	25
Goondiwindi	6	1
Tamborine	43(9)	13
Millmerran	1(1)	1
TOTAL	171(25)	56

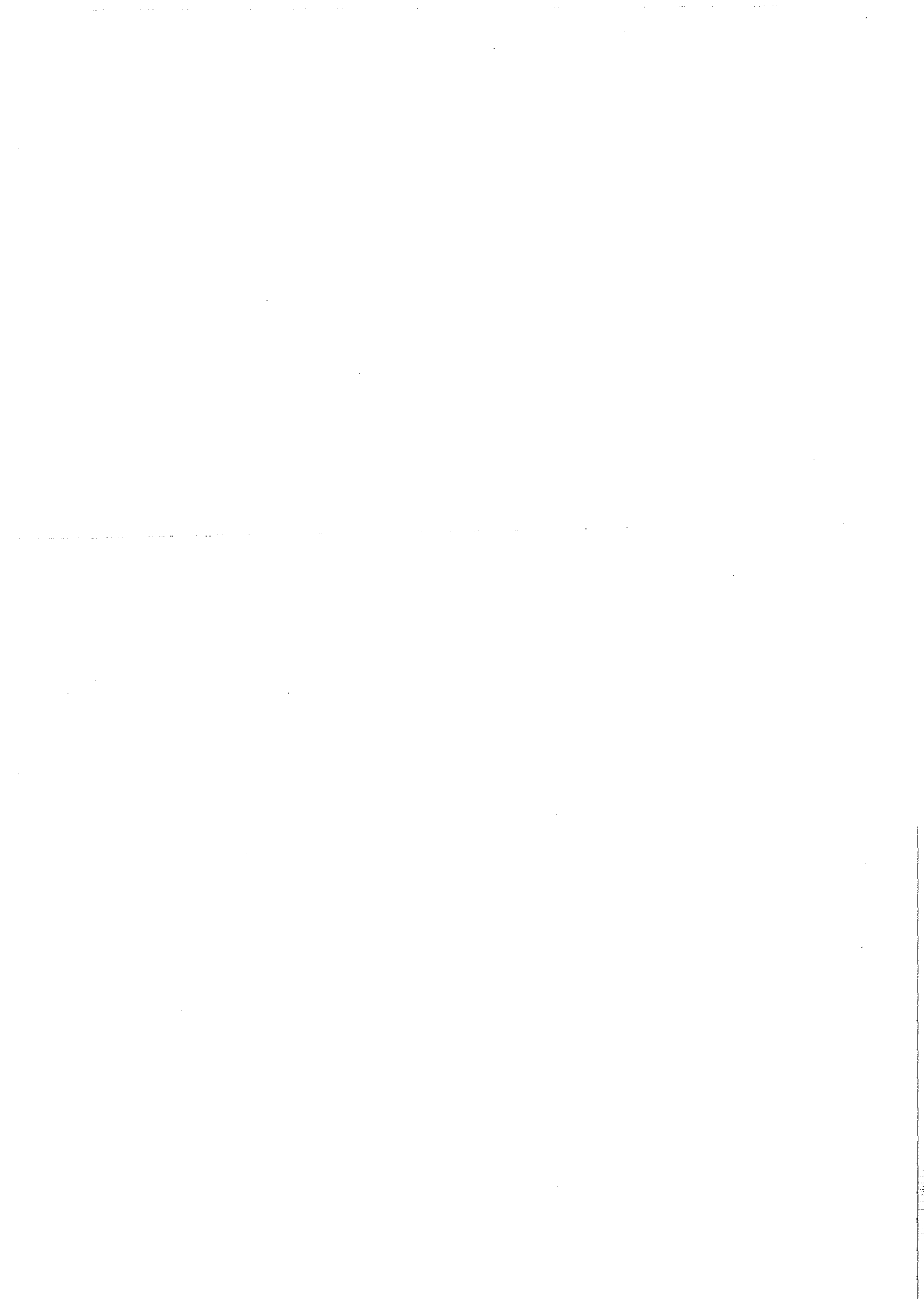
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Premise status	Number
IP	171
DCP	136
SP	130
NA	53

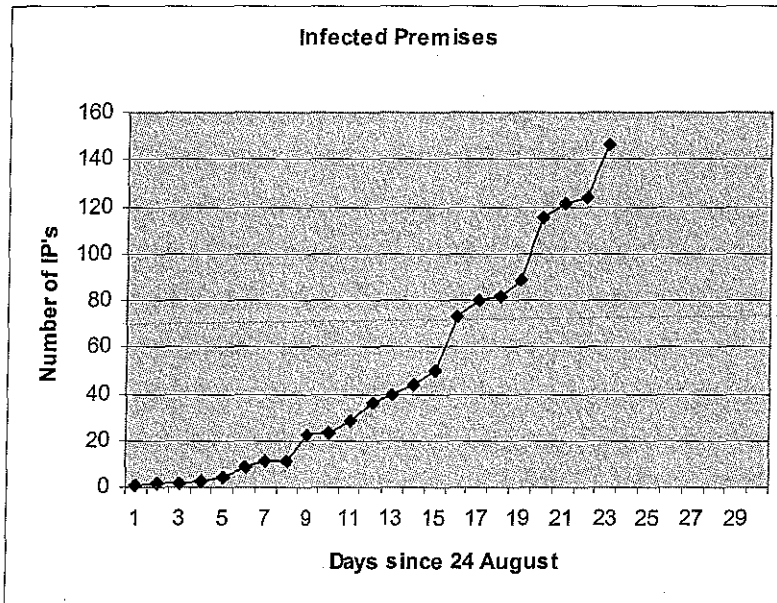
- Planning for introduction of new restricted and control areas occurred consistent with agreements at CCEAD and NMG. A number of logistical and communication issues require finalising before changes are implemented.
- Planning in relation to creation of buffers zones within the restricted (red) area was also progressed. Buffer zones will be established around infected zones (localities) and will contain as few horses as possible. Tracts of land with few horses are being identified and strategies developed to move horses from the buffer zones. Considerable skills in negotiation and coordination will be necessary to achieve the outcome of a reduction in the horse population in the buffer zones. The distance the buffer zones are from the IPs and the width of the buffer zones are to be determined, and will use natural boundaries where possible.
- Offices for the community engagement and information centres were opened at Rosewood, Tamborine, Brookfield, Warwick and Goondiwindi.
- Developments in data management and mapping are aimed to speed provision of information and enable real time visualisation of extension of infection. Calculation of total infection areas in sq km are considered to give a realistic measure of the changing state of the disease.
- Operation activities on property inspections and permits continued at a high level. Over 80 permits were issued mainly in relation to cattle mustering activities.
- Communications to the Business Information Centre have been refined with the installation menus to direct calls to operators able to handle the call. This should speed response times and reduce levels of frustration.
- Return movements of horses from far flung outposts such as Windorah and Bedourie have been facilitated.

Rick Webster
Director SDCHQ



**Situation Report 23
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
17.30 hrs Sunday 16 September 2007**

- Twenty four (24) new IP's (Infected Premises) are reported, 1 at Warwick, 13 at Minden-Rosewood, 3 at Brisbane western suburbs, 6 at Tamborine and 1 at Goondiwindi to give a total of 146 IP's. Advice to SDCHQ both in Queensland and New South Wales indicates that numbers of IPs reported in heavily infected areas no longer accurately represent true levels of infection as there is under reporting by owners of clinical signs, and there is a backlog of reports to be visited.



Summary of IP's and Locality

Locality	No. of IP's	No. of new cases past 5 days
Warwick	38(1)	14
Brisbane Western suburbs	28(3)	6
Minden /Rosewood	41(13)	24
Goondiwindi	6(1)	1
Tamborine	34(6)	16
TOTAL	146(24)	61

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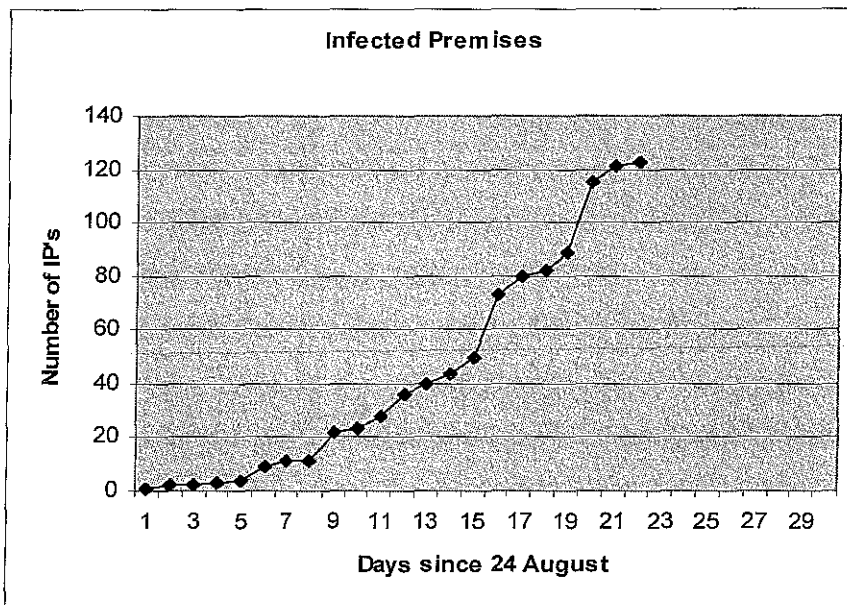
Premise status	Number
IP	146
DCP	131
SP	114
NA	50

- An increased number of field veterinarians are now available to tasking. Their priorities are to clarify the status of sick horses outside the known highly infected areas. A significant extension of the Tamborine locality north east to Parkridge is suspected.
- The Chief Veterinary Officer visited Local Disease Control Centre today to get first hand feedback on issues and visited the hotspots with the Controller.
- CVO also presented the proposed zoning arrangements and movement conditions to CCEAD for endorsement.
- Restricted area movements have been able to catch up on pending applications with owners evidently taking a rest day on Sunday. Minor changes to policy have introduced extra complications to assessments requiring additional checking back with owners. Proposed relaxation of the requirements for permits in a green zone will be welcomed.
- NSW and Qld are working together on buffer creation strategies. The strategies for such buffers include low horse density and vaccination. The size of the NSW buffer is such that moving horses is not considered feasible. Queensland planning includes providing assistance to owners to reduce the horse population in the buffer zone.
- The helicopter fly-over the proposed buffer zone north and west of Warwick to assess horse numbers has been completed – the density of horses in the potential buffer zone is quite low, but the success of the buffer zone strategy will be highly dependant on the numbers of horses remaining in the buffer zone.

Rick Webster
Director SDCHQ

Situation Report 22
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
17.30 hrs Saturday 15 September 2007

- Three (3) new IP's (Infected Properties) are reported, 1 at Minden-Rosewood and 2 at Tamborine with no increase at Warwick, Brisbane western suburbs, Tamborine or Goondiwindi giving a total of 124 IP's. There has been an unsubstantiated report from a member of the community that there are unreported cases in the Brisbane western suburbs area.



OLD Summary of premise current status
Summary of IP's and Locality

Locality	No. of IPs	No. of new cases past 5 days	No. secondary spread
Warwick	37	13	34
Brisbane Western suburbs	25	3	23
Minden /Rosewood	28 (1)	11	26
Goondiwindi	5	0	4
Tamborine	28(2)	16	27
TOTAL	124(3)	43	115

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Premise status	Number
IP	124
DCP	76
SP	81

- There is a concern of spread from the Sundown Court, Tamborine to an area with a dense horse population to the west towards Jimboomba.
- The helicopter fly-over the proposed buffer zone north and west of Warwick to assess horse numbers concluded. A report should be available by mid-day 16 September.
- Further revisions to the national zoning (3 zones) and movement conditions have been developed in collaboration with NSW and the Australian Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) for endorsement by the Consultative Committee on Emergency Animal Disease (CCEAD) tomorrow.
- 40 road signs advising of movement restrictions are to be placed once zone boundaries are finalised.
- A top priority is to source more vets for Warwick and Oxley FCPs so have vets on hand waiting for tasks every morning and doing phone calls while waiting.
- Serum samples will be collected from all horses at Morgan Park on Monday. To be tested through the week. To provide information on each horse for the release strategy.
- The efficiency assessor praised the dedication of people working on the response.
- The 10,000'th phone call was received at the business Information Centre on Friday afternoon with the total now reaching 11,283 on Saturday pm.
- Restricted area movements continue under heavy load dealing with increased numbers of applications for movement permits. Phone calls and applications slowed on Saturday allowing some catch-up. There is a backlog of mustering permits to be processed, in part due to insufficient information being provided. Welfare and treatment permits applications are being processed promptly.

Rick Webster
Director SDCHQ

**Situation Report 21
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
17.30 hrs Friday 14 September 2007**

Six(6) new IP's (Infected Properties) are reported, 2 at Warwick, 4 at Minden-Rosewood with no increase at Brisbane West, Tamborine or Goondiwindi giving a total of 121 IP's. There is concern that there could be a substantial number of Ips in the Tamborine locality.

Date	25 Aug	26 Aug	27 Aug	28 Aug	29 Aug	30 Aug	31 Aug
IPs	1	2	2	3	4	9	11
Rate of Increase		1.0	0.0	0.2	0.33	1.25	0.22

Date	01 Sep	02 Sep	03 Sep	04 Sep	05 Sep	06 Sep	07 Sep	08 Sep	09 Sep	10 Sep	11 Sep	12 Sep	13 Sep	14 Sep
IPs	11	22	23	28	36	40	44	50	73	80	82	89	115	121
Rate of Increase	0.0	1.0	0.05	0.22	0.29	0.11	0.1	0.14	0.46	0.10	0.03	0.09	0.29	0.04

Summary of premise current status

Locality	No. of IPs	No. movements from NSW	No. movements Morgan Park	No. secondary spread
Warwick	37 (2)	2	1	34
Brisbane Western suburbs	25		2	23
Minden /Rosewood	27 (4)	1	1	25
Goondiwindi	5	1		4
Tamborine	27		1	26
TOTAL	121 (6)	4	5	112

Figures in parenthesis indicate the increase since the last sitrep.

Premise status	Number
IP	121
DCP	73
SP	85

- A new IP at Haigslea is somewhat remote from the current foci at Minden and Rosewood, these foci being approximately 15 km apart. The Haigslea IP is midway between Minden and Rosewood. Epidemiological investigations have not revealed any clear linkages with other IPs in the area. At Warwick most new IPs are fill ins, that is within the boundary of a line around current Ips. The Warwick Racecourse has been quarantined

- A comprehensive incident plan has been prepared to chart the next week's strategy – this will give staff a clearer focus on the major tasks at hand.
- The helicopter fly-over the proposed buffer zone north of Warwick to assess horse numbers commenced at 12.15 and will continue on 15 September. Community awareness preceded the activity.
- The revised national zoning and movement conditions together with a risk analysis/risk management plan developed in collaboration with NSW and the Australian Department of Agriculture fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) was submitted to the Consultative Committee on Emergency Animal Disease (CCEAD – chief Veterinary Officers from all States and the commonwealth) for endorsement. A three zone approach was agreed.
- Restricted area movements continue under heavy load dealing with increased numbers of applications for movement permits. Initially approximately 50 % of permits were not approved, but the proportion not approved is decreasing as applicants become more aware of the conditions.
- Reports of illegal movements are increasing indicating growing frustration with tight movement conditions. Generally owners understand when reasons for the conditions are explained but loss of support is starting to occur. Proposed changes to zoning will alleviate the level of questioning of the restrictions.
- Newspaper reports have given support to the notion that marsupials and flies may be involved in spread of EI. This was based on the opinion of the owner of an IP. Numerous press releases have been provided by DPI&F strategic communications and marketing during the outbreak covering the most likely method of transmission ie movements of horses and people.

Rick Webster
Director SDCHQ

**Situation Report 20
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
17.30 hrs Thursday 13 September 2007**

Twenty eight (28) new IP's (Infected Properties) are reported, 7 at Warwick and 3 at Brisbane West, 7 at Minden-Rosewood and 11 at Tamborine. IP's at Gordonvale and Julia Creek are no longer included giving a total of 115 IP's. Phases of increase in numbers of infected premises seem to have been a feature of the disease spread. While total numbers have increased the transmissions have largely been fill-in cases within the established areas and the rate of increase while demonstrating waves has not shown an explosive rate of spread. More refined predictive estimates will be provided in following SitReps.

Date	25- Aug	26- Aug	27- Aug	28- Aug	29- Aug	30- Aug	31- Aug	01- Sep	02- Sep	03- Sep	04- Sep	05- Sep	06- Sep	07- Sep	08- Sep	09- Sep
IPs	1	2	2	3	4	9	11	11	22	23	28	36	40	44	50	71
Rate of increase		1.0	0.0	0.5	0.33	1.25	0.22	0.0	1.0	0.05	0.22	0.29	0.11	0.1	0.14	0.4
Date	10 Sept	11 Sept	12 Sept	13 Sept												
IPs	80	82	89	115												
Rate of increase	0.10	0.03	0.09	0.29												

Summary of premise current status

Locality	No. of IP's	No. movements from NSW	No. movements Morgan Park	No. secondary spread
Warwick	35 (7)	2	1	32
Brisbane Western suburbs	25 (3)		2	23
Minden /Rosewood	23 (7)	1	1	21
Goondiwindi	5	1		4
Tamborine	27 (11)		1	26
TOTAL	115 (28)	4	5	106

Figures in parenthesis indicate the increase since the last sitrep.

- The northern properties are now considered no longer considered IP's and are not reported in this Table. This follows receipt of test results from AAHL.

Premise status	Number
IP	115
DCP	76
SP	79

- An increase in total numbers of premises considered IP's has caused an increased workload at LDCC with veterinary assessments falling behind slightly. Overall workloads in other sections are also increasing and leading to staff rostering concerns.
- A helicopter fly-over is to take place on 14 September with the aim of surveying the horse population in the Warwick local area. This is as a preliminary step in creating a buffer zone to the north against the Toowoomba and inner Darling Downs. A community awareness program has preceded the activity.
- Reports from LDCC suggest that in some cases severity of sickness may have increased. This has been particularly in warm bloods in work and on hard feedstuffs.
- Further work to finalise the risk analysis/risk management plan in collaboration with NSW has occurred as part of the movement conditions submission to CCEAD and NMG.
- Restricted area movements continue under heavy load dealing with increased applications for movement permits for working horses used in cattle mustering operations and for welfare reasons. The public campaign on the interim two zones commenced today and resulted in a large influx of permit requests.
- A risk analysis is being conducted in respect of the horse slaughter facility at Caboolture. The enterprise management are anxious to return to operations as this activity represents a considerable part of the overall profitability.

Allison Crook for Rick Webster
Director SDCHQ

Situation Report 19
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
17.30 hrs Wednesday 12 September 2007

Seven (7) new IP's (Infected Properties) are reported, four at Warwick and three at Tamborine.

Date	25- Aug	26- Aug	27- Aug	28- Aug	29- Aug	30- Aug	31- Aug	01- Sep	02- Sep	03- Sep	04- Sep	05- Sep	06- Sep	07- Sep	08- Sep	09- Sep
IPs	1	2	2	3	4	9	11	11	22	23	28	36	40	44	50	73
Date	10 Sept	11 Sept	12 Sept													
IPs	80	82	89													

Summary of premise current status

Locality	No. of IPs	No. movements from NSW	No. movements Morgan Park	No. secondary spread
Warwick	28 (4)	2	1	25 (4)
Brisbane Western suburbs	22		2	20
Minden /Rosewood	16	1	1	14
Goondiwindi	5	1		4
Tamborine	16 (3)		1	15 (3)
Julia Creek*	1*	1		
Gordonvale*	1*	1		
TOTAL	89 (7)	6	5	78 (7)

Figures in parenthesis indicate the increase since the last sitrep.

- *Horses from these properties have tested positive then negative at BSL (Qld). Last minute delays with testing procedures at AAHL have resulted in the premises remaining on the IP list for today.

Premise status	Number
IP	89
DCP	79
SP	74
DCP > IP	6*
SP > IP	4*

- The community engagement effort was further ramped up with staff actively on the ground in the respective areas. It is expected all will be in offices early next week.
- Planning for the implementation of zones continues in concert with the New South Wales four zone proposal. Queensland initially may move to a two zone arrangement with the boundary between the zones yet to be finalised. A risk analysis/risk management plan is to be prepared as part of the submission to CCEAD and NMG.
- Intensive tracing of horses from New South Wales that entered Queensland between 16 and 25 August has been carried out. One hundred and sixty four animals have been identified with one hundred and twenty nine of those being retained within the proposed red zone, ten in the orange zone and twenty five in the proposed green zone. Private practitioners have been tasked to collect serum samples from 20 of the horses in the green zone.
- Restricted area movements have been under heavy load dealing with increased applications for movement permits for working horses used in cattle mustering operations and for welfare reasons. More resources are being directed to this area as the current rate of applications has exceeded processing capacity.
- Consideration of horses used at abattoirs and feedlots is also necessary as change over of animals has become necessary on welfare grounds.
- Further work on the information management system (EIS) has occurred and a production version has commenced loading data. Issues with maintaining a consistent case numbering system have been overcome.
- The Business Information Centre handled 656 calls making a total of 8949 since the outbreak started. Again it is apparent that a loss of owner patience is becoming apparent.

Rick Webster
Director SDCHQ

**Situation Report 18
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
17.30 hrs Tuesday 11 September 2007**

Two (2) new IP's (Infected Properties) both at Mt Tambourine and neighbouring an IP

Date	25- Aug	26- Aug	27- Aug	28- Aug	29- Aug	30- Aug	31- Aug	01- Sep	02- Sep	03- Sep	04- Sep	05- Sep	06- Sep	07- Sep	08- Sep	09- Sep
IPs	1	2	2	3	4	9	11	11	22	23	28	36	40	44	50	73
Date	10 Sept	11 Sept														
IPs	80	82														

Summary of premise current status

Locality	No. of IP's	No. movements from NSW	No. movements Morgan Park	No. secondary spread
Warwick	24	2	1	21
Brisbane Western suburbs	22		2	20
Minden /Rosewood	16	1	1	14
Goondiwindi	5	1		4
Tamborine	13		1	12
Julia Creek*	1*	1		
Gordonvale*	1*	1		
TOTAL	82	6	5	71

* Horses from these properties have tested positive then negative.

- A major increase in community engagement efforts occurred today with 3 professional staff inducted by the Community Engagement Manager at Oxley, then toured the western suburbs of Brisbane Rosewood/Minden and Mt Tambourine. One CE team will be appointed for each locality with IPs working from an office in the area (preferably in a high traffic area eg shopping centre) including a Community Engagement officer and a Community Veterinary Coordinator. Locations are Brisbane western suburbs, Tamborine, Minden/Rosewood, Goondiwindi and Warwick. The main focus today was visits to produce agencies to explain their role in preventing the spread of disease. Handout material was left at agencies.
- Planning for the implementation of zones continues in concert with the New South Wales four zone proposal. It is aimed to have the same movement conditions in Queensland and New South Wales.

- A report from the public that an owner was concealing EI on a property was followed up as an urgency. The team found no evidence to support the allegations; horses were showing no signs of illness.
- A report from the public that an employee at a produce agency was from an infected premise and was not following biosecurity measures was investigated. An employee was from an infected premise and but was exceeding the biosecurity requirements.
- Tracing of horses from New South Wales that entered Queensland between 16 and 25 August. One transport company that was not helpful will be visited by compliance inspectors. Over 100 horses are known to have entered.
- A significant task ahead currently being planned is to collect serum samples from all horses that are known to have moved from the Special Restricted and Restricted areas of New South Wales between 16 and 25 August. Highest priority is horses in North and West Queensland.
- Restricted area movements have been under heavy load dealing with increased applications for movement permits for working horses used in cattle mustering operations and for welfare reasons.
- The Business Information Centre was again particularly busy with 632 calls making a total of 8203 EI related calls. This increase was probably due to the TV Sunrise program mentioning the possibility of zoning and freeing up movement. This increased community frustration with inability to move.
- Media clip of horse at Morgan Park with clinical signs of EI now available.

Rick Webster
Director SDCHQ

**Situation Report 17
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
17.30 hrs Monday 10 September 2007**

Seven (7) new IP's (Infected Properties) are reported today – this includes those determined by clinical signs and proximity to infection without laboratory confirmation as well as laboratory confirmations.

Date	25- Aug	26- Aug	27- Aug	28- Aug	29- Aug	30- Aug	31- Aug	01- Sep	02- Sep	03- Sep	04- Sep	05- Sep	06- Sep	07- Sep	08- Sep	09- Sep
IPs	1	2	2	3	4	9	11	11	22	23	28	36	40	44	50	73
Date	10 Sept															
IPs	80															

Summary of premise current status

Locality	No. of IPs	No. movements from NSW	No. movements Morgan Park	No. secondary spread
Warwick	22	2	1	19
Brisbane Western suburbs	24		2	22
Minden /Rosewood	16	1	1	14
Goondiwindi	5	1		4
Tamborine	11		1	10
Julia Creek*	1*	1		
Gordonvale*	1*	1		
TOTAL	80	6	5	69

* these test were negative at AAHL, Geelong, see below

- Even though the Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL) reported negative PCR test results on horses from the Gordonvale and Julia Creek Infected Premises (IPs), these are still in quarantine waiting on the results of serum samples sent to AAHL for priority testing.
- Policy change re RAMS – a loosening up of horse movement permits to alleviate animal welfare concerns, horses returning home and for mustering purposes.
- Quarantine of all IPs & DCPs- Neighbours of all IPs and DCPs (Dangerous Contact Properties) are being contacted.

Premise status	Number
IP	80
DCP	75
SP	111
DCP > IP	6
SP > IP	4

Planning

A major increase in community engagement efforts required to improve containment of infection. A Community Engagement Manager has been appointed and each locality with Ips will have a team working from an office in the area (preferably in a high traffic area eg shopping centre) including a Community Engagement officer and a Community Veterinary Coordinator. Locations are Brisbane western suburbs, Tamborine, Minden/Rosewood, Goondiwindi and Warwick.

Further work to refine the information capture system has also occurred, with forms modified to ensure critical data is being collected.

Planning for the implementation of zones continues in concert with the New South Wales proposal for a four zone system. It is aimed to have the same movement conditions in Queensland and New south Wales.

Operations

Veterinary investigations are prioritising traces from NSW and will concentrate on finalising them over the next 2 days.

Restricted area movements have been under heavy load dealing with increased applications for movement permits for working horses used in cattle mustering operations. Over 200 permit applications were received today with half being able to be processed.

Logistics

Additional staff have been allocated from the national pool and news that extra laboratory staff are available is welcome news.

A business analyst has been chartered to review information handling needs and make recommendations on electronic processing of data.

Media and Advisory Services

The Business Information Centre was again particularly busy with 661 EI related calls. Frustration with inability to move under permit is again being expressed.

North & West Region*

Activities in respect of the quarantines at Gordonvale and Julia Creek continued during the day, all results to date support the view that there are no infected horses at these locations.

Rick Webster
Director SDCHQ

**Situation Report 16
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
17.30 hrs Sunday 9 September 2007**

The Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL) reported negative PCR test results on horses from the Gordonvale and Julia Creek Infected Premises (IPs). Serum samples have been collected on both properties and further swabs from the Julia Creek property. These samples will be submitted to AAHL for priority testing. These properties will remain in quarantine and classified as infected premises until the situation is totally resolved.

23 new IP's were reported today – this number of IPs includes those determined by clinical signs and proximity to infection without laboratory confirmation. The large increase is in part a reflection of catching up on the backlog of work and undertaking investigations more quickly.

Date	25-Aug	26-Aug	27-Aug	28-Aug	29-Aug	30-Aug	31-Aug	01-Sep	02-Sep	03-Sep	04-Sep	05-Sep	06-Sep	07-Sep	08-Sep	09-Sep
IPs	1	2	2	3	4	9	11	11	22	23	28	36	40	44	50	73

Summary of premise current status

Locality	No. of IPs	No. movements from NSW	No. movements Morgan Park	No. secondary spread
Warwick	22	2	1	19
Brisbane Western suburbs	20		2	18
Minden /Rosewood	14	1	1	12
Goondiwindi	5	1		4
Tamborine	10		1	9
Julia Creek*	1*	1		
Gordonvale*	1*	1		
TOTAL	73	6	5	62

* these test were negative at AAHL, Geelong, see above

- Policy change re RAMS – loosening up of horse movement permits .to alleviate animal welfare concerns
- Quarantine of all IPs & DCPs- Neighbours of all IPs (Infected Properties) and DCPs (Dangerous Contact Properties) are being contacted
- Late on 8/9 NSW had 320 IPs.

Planning

The procedure re exiting of people from Morgan Park is to be reviewed by a Qld Health officer who will visit early next week.

- Finalizing the protocol for Emergency personnel visiting areas with EI.
- Epidemiological curves redone
- Refining definitions of IPs, DCPs and SPs
- Documenting when and how not to call Julia Creek and Gordonvale properties IPs.
- Plans for appointing Locality Managers and for buffers and input into Community engagement plan for LDCC

Operations

- RAMS had quieter day and did a new policy on mustering and allowing more movements to alleviate animal welfare
- -RAMS will be busy this coming week and will need to get the on line system up and running for mustering permits quickly
- Now faxing back or emailing reasons for rejecting requests for permits – freeing up DPI&F Business Information Centre resources
- Only 3 new lab positives today (IPs can be classified on clinical signs and close contacts and many close neighbours not being tested if already have clinical signs)
- Review of a mapping and information system planned for next week

Logistics

- Still difficult to access private vets, but extra one found for next week.
- Another 6 temporary staff trained for DPI&F Business Information Centre
- North region has taken over the conference centre at the Cairns office for week as space at a premium with electric ant and Asian honey bee responses.
- New Forward Command Post to be set up at Warwick DPI&F on Monday for non Morgan Park IP management and activities – Ross Newman the vet Locality Manager for Warwick is to operate from here

Media and Advisory Services

CVO did radio interview for Triple M / B105 this morning.
CVO did other interviews in the afternoon after the negative AAHL tests for North and Western Qld were received.

North Region*

Russel Gilmour as Biosecurity Regional Manager (North) has quarantined the Gordonvale property and 2 DCP properties at Wondecla. There may be 5 DCPs.

West Region *

Warren Lehmann, Regional Manager Biosecurity Queensland, West was handling the response with west region staff. Julia Creek showgrounds quarantined and Mayor and all involved are very cooperative.

* Note North and West told NOT to stand –down, but to not continue their extraordinary long hours as now a lesser degree of urgency. Monday's planned tasks only to be actioned – rest of to be week planned only. Wait for serology tests before any new tasks actioned.

Rick Webster
Director SDCHQ

Situation Report 15
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
17.30 hrs Saturday 8 September 2007

Six new IP's were reported today – this number of IPs includes those determined by clinical signs and proximity to infection without laboratory confirmation. A summary of IP identification is featured below.

Date	25- Aug	26- Aug	27- Aug	28- Aug	29- Aug	30- Aug	31- Aug	01- Sep	02- Sep	03- Sep	04- Sep	05- Sep	06- Sep	07- Sep	08- Sep
IPs	1	2	2	3	4	9	11	11	22	23	28	36	40	44	50

Summary of premise current status

IPs breakdown (as at 17.30 hours 8/9/07)

Locality	No. of IPs	No. movements from NSW	No. movements Morgan Park	No. secondary spread
Warwick	14	2	1	11
Brisbane Western suburbs	14		2	12
Minden /Rosewood	10	1	1	8
Goondiwindi	3	1		2
Tamborine	7		1	6
Julia Creek	1	1		
Gordonvale	1	1		
TOTAL	50	6	5	39

Premise status	Number
IP*	50
DCP**	86 (54 unresolved)
SP***	78 (8 unresolved)

* IP = infected premise based on close contact with an IP, consistent clinical signs and with or waiting for positive Lab test
 ** DCP = dangerous contact premise based on movement from IP or DCP or NSW from 16 August
 ***SP = suspect premises.

- 50 Infected Properties (IPs) as at 17.30 hours
- Quarantine of all IPs & DCPs- 25 issued today
- Tracing and inspection (& sampling if required) of horses continuing – and some referred to the Northern Territory and others in West and north Qld.
- Neighbours of all IPs (Infected Properties) and DCPs (Dangerous Contact Properties) are being contacted

Operations

Two of the six new IPs were outside of SE Qld, at Julia Creek and Gordonvale south of Cairns, based on presumptive laboratory results. Both properties were quarantined. Both properties were followed up because of traces of horse movements from New South Wales.

There were no clinical signs on either property, and the horses at Julia Creek had had their temperatures taken daily without recording an increase. It is possible that the test results are not true positives. Horses are being reswabbed and sera collected for testing at AAHL. Swabs tested yesterday were retested today at the Biosecurity Science Lab, Brisbane and results were Gordonvale negative, and Julia Creek one positive and one suspect. Both properties are still IPs.

Concentrated on Julia Creek and Gordonvale tracings.

Surveillance

Horse owners encouraged to report clinical signs. Passive surveillance continues

Laboratory Liaison

- Samples from the Julia Creek and Gordonvale horses have been despatched to AAHL for confirmatory testing (PCR). Serum samples from the same horses will be despatched to AAHL for the competitive ELISA early on Sunday (9 Sep).
- There may be a need to review the process for prioritisation of sample testing at BSL.
- The c ELISA is in development and due for introduction at ADSL (Toowoomba) next week.
- A new summary report produced directly (electronic) from LOIS has been introduced to avoid manual transcription issues. Revised LOIS data is available every 15 minutes enabling review of newly registered accessions, new significant results (positive and suspect) and an indication of tests yet to be done.
- TAAHL at Oonoonba have been alerted to review availability and supply of virus transport medium and other supplies required for increased testing in north Queensland.
- Sample transfer from North Queensland over weekends has been referred to operations to review the best options to avoid delays when operators are not working.

Planning

Mustering guidelines written for DPI&F Business Information Centre and RAMS Scenarios including vaccinations and a buffer zone outside of Warwick at Allora are being progressed.

The procedure re exiting of people from Morgan Park is to be reviewed by a Qld Health officer who will visit early next week.

Finalizing the protocol for Emergency personnel visiting areas with EI.

Media and Advisory Services

Press release re positive horse and Cairns racecourse and additional Biosecurity measures sent out late Friday 7 Sept
3,500 SMS messages sent out- resulted in 55 new horse properties being registered

Industry liaison

Teleconference with Qld Racing Industry re additional biosecurity steps at the Cairns race course agreed

- ask all people entering the racecourse- "have you had contact with any horses in the last 3 days? " - if yes must go through a basic disinfection process before they enter, if no can enter without
- Security to be increased so no one jumps the waist high fence
- No one will enter the circular public parking area where in the past picnic have been held- instead will park else-where i.e. the road. Police will be informed of the possible traffic issue.
- Barriers will be disinfected between races and barrier staff stay there until over
- Jockeys will walk only on the described pathways

There were races also at Eagle Farm, Brisbane, spectator numbers were down. No unresolved issues were raised from these race courses.

All requests for horse events processed - 7 approved & 2 rejected.

Total of 6610 calls to date to the Business Information Centre. Only 252 calls today (down from 500-600 during week days).

Ron Glanville, CVO, did TV interviews with Channel 7 and 9

Logistics

WA officer from the rapid response team to join LDCC on Monday.

New FCP to be set up at Warwick DPI&F on Monday for non Morgan Park activities

Rick Webster
Director SDCHQ

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Queensland
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3,500 SMS messages sent out- resulted in 55 new horse properties being registered

Industry liaison

Teleconference with Qld Racing Industry re additional biosecurity steps at the Cairns race course agreed

- ask all people entering the racecourse- "have you had contact with any horses in the last 3 days? " - if yes must go through a basic disinfection process before they enter, if no can enter without
- Security to be increased so no one jumps the waist high fence
- No one will enter the circular public parking area where in the past picnic have been held- instead will park else-where i.e. the road. Police will be informed of the possible traffic issue.
- Barriers will be disinfected between races and barrier staff stay there until over
- Jockeys will walk only on the described pathways

There were races also at Eagle Farm, Brisbane, spectator numbers were down. No unresolved issues were raised from these race courses.

All requests for horse events processed - 7 approved & 2 rejected.

Total of 6610 calls to date to the Business Information Centre. Only 252 calls today (down from 500-600 during week days).

Ron Glanville, CVO, did TV interviews with Channel 7 and 9

Logistics

WA officer from the rapid response team to join LDCC on Monday.

New FCP to be set up at Warwick DPI&F on Monday for non Morgan Park activities

Rick Webster
Director SDCHQ

**Situation Report 14
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
19:00 hrs Friday 7 September 2007**

Summary of premise current status

Four new IP's were reported today – two (2) at Warwick and significantly, two (2) outside the current restricted area of SE Queensland. This number of IP's includes those determined by clinical signs and proximity to infection. A summary of IP identification is featured below.

Date	25- Aug	26- Aug	27- Aug	28- Aug	29- Aug	30- Aug	31- Aug	01- Sep	02- Sep	03- Sep	04- Sep	05- Sep	06- Sep	07- Sep
IP's	1	2	2	3	4	9	11	11	22	23	28	36	40	44

IPs breakdown (as at 16.30 hours 7/9/07)

Locality	No. of IPs	No. movements from NSW	No. movements Morgan Park	No. secondary spread
Warwick	12	2	1	9
Brisbane Western suburbs	13		2	11
Minden /Rosewood	9	1	1	7
Goondiwindi	2	1		1
Tamborine	6		1	5
Cairns	1	1		
Julia Creek	1	1		
TOTAL	44	6	5	33

Premise status	Number
IP*	44
DCP**	86
SP*	78

* IP = infected premise based on close contact with an IP, consistent clinical signs and with or waiting for positive Lab test

** DCP = dangerous contact premise based on movement from IP or DCP or NSW from 16 August

***SP = suspect premises.

Of the two new IPs at Warwick, one was a large Thoroughbred horse stud with 400 mares. Initial epidemiological assessment suggests links to people movements as the most likely source. This information is being validated.

Tracing and inspection (& sampling if required) of horses is continuing.

Finalisation of tracings has led to the two new IP's recorded late today in north Queensland. Both IPs are well outside the recognised restricted area in SE Queensland. Initial epidemiological assessment demonstrates tenuous links to NSW and tracing investigations are continuing. The samples are being retested at the DPI&F Biosecurity Science Laboratory in Brisbane. Plans are in place to forward duplicate samples to AAHL as per agreed protocols for validation.

Operations

All PCR tests continue to be done at the DPI&F Biosecurity Science Laboratory, Brisbane initially and then any positives or suspects are sent to AAHL as per agreed protocol.

Laboratory results were delayed today as the morning tests needed to be repeated in the afternoon.

Surveillance

Horse owners continue to be encouraged to report clinical signs. Passive surveillance continues through reporting of suspect cases.

Planning

Planning for eventual release for quarantined properties continued today. Some initial scenario planning was also commenced.

Standard Operating Procedures and guidelines for decontamination for essential and emergency services staff working in areas with IPs were developed.

Movement Controls

Policy movements for the different 'traffic light' zones was well advanced and nearly realised prior to the laboratory result for north Queensland being advised. All media on this issue was immediately stopped.

Consideration to permitting movement of horses for mustering purposes remains a priority to allow some business to continue normal husbandry procedures.

Media and Advisory Services

The Business Information Centre has dealt with 6253 calls since the commencement of the response – a further 531 calls were attended today.

Over 1500 horse owners have registered on line via DPI&F web page for newsletter, and DPI&F staff are investigating ways to register all horse property details on line.

Industry liaison

Industry continues to support the response undertaken by Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries to date.

Major community engagement plans for affected localities continues to be developed in collaboration with other Queensland Government departments

Allison Crook for Rick Webster
Director SDCHQ

**Situation Report 13
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
1700 hrs Thursday 6 September 2007**

Summary of premise current status

Nine (9) new IPs are reported today – 1 at Goondiwindi, 3 from Warwick, 2 at Minden/Rosewood, 1 Brisbane West and 2 at Tamborine. This number of IP's now includes those determined by clinical signs and proximity to infection.

Premise status	Number
IP*	40
DCP**	57
SP*	10

* IP = infected premise based on close contact with an IP, consistent clinical signs and with or waiting for positive Lab test

** DCP = dangerous contact premise based on movement from IP or DCP or NSW from 16 August

***SP = suspect premise 10 pending assessment.

IPs breakdown

Locality	No. of IPs	No. movements from NSW	No. movements Morgan Park	No. secondary spread
Warwick	11	2	1	8
Brisbane Western suburbs	12		2	10
Minden /Rosewood	9	1	1	7
Goondiwindi	2	1		1
Tamborine	6		1	5
TOTAL	40	4	5	31

Disease Control Policy

Changes to movement conditions based on risk areas were endorsed by CCEAD providing further confidence that freeing up of movements will not jeopardise the eradication effort.

Work on reviewing the policy and requirements for racing at approved precincts has also been progressing with an amended plan to be submitted to CCEAD on 7 September for endorsement. The amendments will allow consideration for approval public attendance under a zoned system similar to that endorsed for the ACT. Races in Sydney are also being planned for the coming weekend but fully closed to the public conditions.

The Queensland Plan will include rigorous biosecurity together with red exclusion zones, an amber buffer and green public areas. Strict security will be applied to ensure no unauthorised transfers occur.

Operations

Veterinary investigations were focussed on clarifying the status of Suspect premises in the "free" areas of the state. Four of thirty one premises require investigation and testing to ensure no undetected spread has occurred.

Surveillance

Tests done at the DPI&F Biosecurity Science Laboratory, Brisbane, to date are: 343 total submissions with 205 negative, 96 positive and the remainder pending.

Planning

Development of epidemic curves has progressed also data checking for anomalies has been carried out. A teleconference with NSW epidemiologists was held to compare results of data analysis.

Refinements to the water and wet weather management policies has continued, also work in relation to problems associated with service industries visiting quarantined or at risk premises. Pipeline construction to the west of Brisbane has caused some queries for security.

Integration of planning efforts with Emergency Services and Community Services has been successfully accomplished. Community Services have advised that a further \$100,000 has been provided by the Premier to assist with the recovery effort at Morgan Park.

Movement Controls

This section has had the most onerous task responding to requests for permits for movements where the grounds for the request do not match the guidelines. Staff have dealt with these requests in a highly professional manner.

Media and Advisory Services

The Business Information Centre has dealt with 5643 calls since the commencement of the response – a further 491 attended today. Strategies to cope with increasing frustration levels of callers have been introduced.

Industry liaison

Industry continues to support the response undertaken by Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries to date.

An event approved to be undertaken today at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club did not proceed due to cancellation on account of the wet weather. Further event application have been received for consideration and this process is underway by the Chief inspector of Stock

Allison Crook
Director SDCHQ

**Situation Report 12
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
1700 hrs Wednesday 5 September 2007**

Summary of premise current status

Six (6) new IPs confirmed by PCR have been reported today - 2 from Warwick, 1 at Brookfield and 1 at Tamborine.

Premise status	Number
IP*	25
DCP**	68
SP*	52

* IP = infected premise based on close contact with an IP, consistent clinical signs and with or waiting for positive Lab test

** DCP = dangerous contact premise based on movement from IP or DCP or NSW from 16 August

***SP = suspect premise 29 of these are assessed low risk 23 pending assessment

IPs breakdown

Locality	No. of IPs	No. movements from NSW	No. movements Morgan Park	No. secondary spread
Warwick	8	2		6
Brisbane Western suburbs	11		2	9
Minden /Rosewood	7	2		5
Goondiwindi	1	1		
Tamborine	4		1	3
TOTAL	31	5	3	23

Disease Control Policy

Amendments to the *Exotic Diseases in Animals Act 1981* though subordinate legislation was gazetted on September 4 2007. The legislation makes declaration of three restricted areas with provisions for restrictions of movement of particular things within, into or out of the restricted areas. The declaration allows for different restrictions of movement for the three areas. Current movement restrictions remain consistent with the previous Standstill Zone across the State at this point in time. These will continue to be reviewed on a daily basis as part of the current response.

The subordinate legislation allows for the approval of events under the authority of the Chief Inspector under certain considerations.

Approval was given to the Gold Coast Turf Club to conduct a "ghost" race meeting today under strict biosecurity conditions. The event was restricted to approved horses from the Gold Coast precinct only. All horses walked to the event from the Gold Coast precinct area. No floating of horses to the event was allowed. In addition, no spectators were at the event. A report by a Biosecurity Queensland inspector on ground was that the event proceeded well, with the appropriate biosecurity measures and protocols in place.

Approval has been provided for a similar event at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club tomorrow (September 6).

Operations

Veterinary investigations continue to function effectively with further efforts to aggregate the data systems into a single integrated system. Attention to unresolved cases where suspect signs have been reported remains a priority.

Surveillance

Tests done at the DPI&F Biosecurity Science Laboratory, Brisbane, to date are: 343 total submissions with 205 negative, 96 positive and the remainder pending.

Planning

Planning is gathering and analysing epidemiology data to identify if windborne spread is occurring. Gusty wind conditions have been recorded at Warwick where some lateral spread from Morgan Park has been reported. Elucidation of links between the IP's continues.

A policy in relation to wet weather management at Morgan Park has been developed to address concerns that virus could be spread in run-off if heavy rains occurred.

A review of ANEMIS forms has been carried out with specified versions being developed to reduce the amount of irrelevant information being collected. It was considered necessary to focus on the critical epidemiological data to assist planning section in aiding policy decisions.

Rough estimates of 80 IPs in 4 days time and 120 in 10 day's time are still possible with a further linear increase in numbers of IP's. The resource implications of this remain a challenge.

Media and Advisory Services

A biosecurity community engagement plan was further developed by the Forward Command Post (FCP) and SDCHQ for Brisbane's Western Suburbs. The plan is aimed to be transferable to other centres as necessary. A video of horses showing actual clinical signs is being prepared as an aid to owner recognition of the disease. Plans are in place to extend the community engagement plan to include consideration of the engagement needs for all other government agencies assisting in the response.

Further media releases to explain the movement restrictions under the new legislation are being developed. This will be a major communication exercise as the key effort is to minimise confusion about obligations of horse owners when moving horses.

More than 5000 calls have been made to the Business Information Centre on issues associated with EI and movement controls.

Industry liaison

Industry continues to support the response undertaken by Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries to date.

The horse owner's e-mail database is now populated with greater than 23,000 addresses. Efforts to register horse owners in the Agricultural Property System have produced good results and foreshadow possible formalising of this as part of the Queensland livestock traceability system.

Allison Crook
Director SDCHQ

**Situation Report 11
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
1700 hrs Tuesday 4 September 2007**

Summary of premise current status

3 new IPs all confirmed by PCR- 2 from Warwick, 1 at Minden, all are lateral spread from known infected premises.

Premise status	Number
IP*	25
DCP**	68
SP*	52

* IP = infected premise .based on close contact with an IP, consistent clinical signs and with or waiting for positive Lab test

** DCP = dangerous contact premise based on movement from IP or DCP or NSW from 16 August

***SP = suspect premise 29 of these are assessed low risk 23 pending assessment

IPs breakdown

Locality	No. of IPs	No. movements from NSW	No. movements Morgan Park	No. secondary spread
Warwick	6	2		4
Brisbane Western suburbs	10		2	8
Minden /Rosewood	7	2		5
Goondiwindi	1	1		
Tamborine	1		1	
TOTAL	25	5	3	17

Disease Control Policy

All premises that have horses that have had close contact with horses that are infected or horses with a high probability of being infected have been quarantined. The highest priority for implementation of this policy is in the Brisbane western suburbs (Brookfield/ Kenmore Hills). The above policy is a proactive step to limit the spread of infection and will be amended if there is evidence of windborne spread. A comprehensive community engagement program is being implemented for areas where there is a defined precinct and where lateral spread is continuing. The Tamborine area is also being assessed for this approach.

Illegally moved horses may be impounded. Arrangements have been made for transport and holding impounded horses.

Highlights

The subordinate legislation underpinning the new restricted areas was finalised and gazetted.

The Minister and Director-General visited the Morgan Park site to review changes instituted after the Premier's visit last week. Some owners are withdrawing from the site as suitable alternative arrangements for caring and feeding their horses are arranged. A core of owners will remain, at present some 100 are still on site.

Further reports of horses on with clinical signs were followed up, most were in localities with IPs. Security has been tightened at Tamborine where some evidence of non-compliance has been reported.

Experts in meteorology have been consulted on the developing weather pattern as the occurrence of rain and squally wind conditions has raised concerns of possible unexpected spread of infection.

A revision of the plan for transition from standstill to restricted area/s was forwarded to CCEAD for consideration out of session. Support for the proposal was secured allowing progress with the gazettal of the new subordinate legislation.

A total of 4557 calls have been made to the Business Information Centre on issues associated with EI and the standstill.

Surveillance

Tests done at the DPI&F Biosecurity Science Laboratory, Brisbane, to date are: 265 total submissions with 169 negative, 64 positive and the remainder pending.

Planning

Planning is gathering and analysing epidemiology data to identify if windborne spread is occurring.

Very rough estimates were that there could be 80 IPs in 5 days time and 120 in 10 day's time. The resource implications of this are significant.

Media and Advisory Services

A major community engagement plan was further developed by the Forward Command Post (FCP) and SDCHQ for Brisbane's Western Suburbs. The plan is aimed to be transferable to other centres as necessary. A video of horses showing actual clinical signs is being prepared as an aid to owner recognition of the disease.

Further media releases to explain the future arrangements and partial lifting of the standstill are being developed. This will be a major communication exercise.

Industry liaison

The planning for transition from standstill to restricted area/s has continued. Industry continues to support the response undertaken by Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries to date.

The emergency e-mail list is now populated with 500 veterinary practitioners' addresses.

Allison Crook for Rick Webster
Director SDCHQ

**Situation Report 10
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
1700 hrs Monday 3 September 2007**

Mission is:

To eradicate Equine Influenza by

To detect all horses with Equine Influenza in Queensland

To prevent Spread of Equine Influenza to other horses

To minimize the impact on the community consistent with the above

Premise status	Number
IP*	22
DCP*	60

* IP = infected premise .based on close contact with an IP, consistent clinical signs and with or waiting for positive Lab test

* DCP = dangerous contact premise based on movement from IP or DCP or NSW from 16 August

IPs breakdown

Locality	No. of IPs	No. movements from NSW	No. movements Morgan Park	No. secondary spread
Warwick	4	2		3
Brisbane Western suburbs	10		2	8
Minden /Rosewood	6	2		4
Goondiwindi	1	1		
Tamborine	1		1	

3 new IPs all confirmed by PCR- Brisbane western suburbs, Minden and Warwick. Warwick case was a trace from Narrabri campdraft, the others secondary spread.

Disease Control Policy

All premises are to be placed in quarantine that have horses that have had close contact with horses that are infected or horses with a high probability of being infected. The highest priority for implementation of this policy is in the Brisbane western suburbs (Brookfield/ Kenmore Hills).The above policy is a proactive step to limit the spread of infection and will be amended if there is evidence of windborne spread.

Release of horses from transit facilities since standstill on welfare grounds with strict criteria.

Illegally moved horses may be impounded. Arrangements made for transport and holding impounded horses.

Highlights

Reports of horses on with clinical signs 11 properties were followed up, most were in localities with IPs.

Planning for transition from standstill to restricted area/s, possibly Wednesday.

CCEAD sent first draft of map and guidelines today for consideration and discussion on Tuesday 3 Sept. Industry given overall picture re proposal and the initial impression of industry was positive.

Total of 3968 calls to the Business Information Centre, 713 to 4.00pm today.

Surveillance

Tests done at the DPI&F Biosecurity Science Lab , Brisbane, to date are : 253 with 153 negative, 56 positive and 4 suspect – Positives and suspects sent to AAHL, Geelong

Planning

Planning is gathering and analysing epidemiology data to identify if windborne spread is occurring.

Very rough estimates were that there could be 80 IPs in 5 days time and 120 in 10 days time. The resource implications are significant.

Media

Major community engagement plan further developed for Brisbane's Western Suburbs.

Media release re illegally moved horses may be impounded.

Industry liaison

Planning for transition from standstill to restricted area/s. Industry sent first draft of map and 'traffic light guidelines' for discussions and further refinements are occurring. Initial impression of industry was positive but commencement date uncertain. Ministerial approval yet to be provided.

Administration

Letter from Chief Veterinary Officer to all Queensland registered veterinarians posted 3 September and also e mailed to President AVA Qld on 31 August 2007.

Veterinary Surgeons database modified to now accept e mail addresses and phone contacts.

Emergency e mail list is now populated with 500 veterinary practitioners addresses.

Rick Webster
Director SDCHQ

**Situation Report 9
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
1700 hrs Sunday 2 September 2007**

Mission is:

- To eradicate Equine Influenza
- To detect all horses with Equine Influenza in Queensland
- To prevent Spread of Equine Influenza to other horses
- To minimize the impact on the community consistent with the above

Premise status	Number
IP*	19
DCP*	42

* IP = infected premise .based on close contact with an IP, consistent clinical signs and with or waiting for positive Lab test

* DCP = dangerous contact premise based on movement from IP or DCP or NSW from 16 August

IPs breakdown

Locality	No. of IPs	No. movements from NSW	No. movements Morgan Park	No. secondary spread
Warwick	3	1		2
Brisbane Western suburbs	9		2	7
Minden /Rosewood	5	2		3
Goondiwindi	1	1		
Tambourine	1		1	

Disease Control Policy Decision taken today

1. All premises are to be placed in quarantine that have horses that have had close contact with horses that are infected or horses with a high probability of being infected. The highest priority for implementation of this policy is in the Brisbane western suburbs (Brookfield/ Kenmore Hills).

The above policy is a proactive step to limit the spread of infection and will be amended if there is evidence of windborne spread.

2. Release of horses from transit facilities since standstill on welfare grounds with strict criteria

Highlights from Sunday 2/9/07

- 1 Warwick property ,2 klms from Morgan Park, confirmed as positive by PCR
- Planning re epidemiology of spread from Morgan Park.
- Wind and weather reports being considered by planning ..
- Tracing and inspection (& sampling if required) of horses continuing

- Neighbours of all IPs (Infected Properties) and DCPs (Dangerous In Contact properties) being contacted
- Planning for transition from standstill to restricted area/s, possibly Wednesday. CCEAD sent first draft of map and guidelines today for discussions on Monday 3 Sept. Industry given overall picture re proposal and the initial impression of industry was positive
- Dramatic increase in number of hits to DPI&F home page in late August- almost all Australian and 50% new visitors

Surveillance

Laboratory results with 2 new positives —, Warwick and Brisbane western suburbs.

- Tests done at the DPI&F Biosecurity Science Lab , Brisbane, to date are : 184 with 135 negative, 46 positive and 3 suspect – Positives and suspects sent to AAHL, Geelong

Media

Major community engagement plan being developed for Brisbane Western Suburbs. Only limited media interest

Industry liaison

- Planning for transition from standstill to restricted area/s, possibly Wednesday. Industry sent first draft of map and traffic light guidelines today for discussions Monday 3 Sept . Initial impression of industry was positives
- Dramatic increase in number of hits to DPI&F home page in late August- almost all Australian and 50% new visitors

Administration

- Veterinary Surgeons Board list established, with 1800 plus veterinarians that are currently in Queensland. & list provided to LDCC for their requirements.
- Vets in western suburbs of Brisbane will be phoned Monday regarding availability to undertake inspections and associated property investigations.
- Process with legislative support for appointing all of these under DPIF legislation.
- All Land Protection Officers and Compliance Officers appointed as at 31 August under DPIF legislation to increase Inspectorial staff resources.
- Surveillance package information used for private vets being tasked, loaded onto DPIF and AVA websites for access.
- Liaison with Information Services to coordinate centralised database system for data for SDCHQ and LDCC.
- GPS locations of IPs provided to EMQ

Across Qld Government

- Ops manager to give Emergency Management Queensland list of addresses of IPs and DCPs for emergency helicopter pilots to avoid pilots can use decontamination procedure on DPI&F web page when they come off shift if land in exclusion zone
- Emergency Management Queensland to action request re electronic sign on Moggill Road re registering details of premises with horses.

Rick Webster
Director SDHQ

**Situation Report 8
Equine Influenza Response
Queensland
1700 hrs .Saturday 1 .September 2007**

Sixteen sites in Queensland are classified as infected premises (IP) for EI. Sites have been classified either on the basis of PCR (polymerase chain reaction) positive results (13 of the 16) or clinical signs and history of contact with an IP.

Results for the additional sites with positive PCRs was received during the day. One positive horse was approximately 500 metres from an IP in the peri-urban area west of Brisbane. There have been reports of horses walking along the road in this area.

Premise status	Number
IP*	16
DCP*	39

* IP = infected premise .based on close contact with an IP, consistent clinical signs and with or waiting for positive Lab test

* DCP = dangerous contact premise based on movement from IP or DCP or NSW from 16 August

Operations

Horses at Morgan Park Warwick, being identified with neck and feet bracelets.

191 people and 41 vehicles on and off today. Camera crew with DPI&F escort filmed decontamination. 39 people will take up the offer of grooms to look after their horses and leave Morgan Park. Of the horses remaining at the Morgan Park site, almost all have exhibited clinical signs of respiratory disease. The first round of results on all horses with links to Maitland has demonstrated PCR positive results in approximately 50% of the samples. .

A DPI&F vet visited and sampled a new horse with clinical signs which was 2klms from Morgan Park. No known trace ex Morgan Park. Lab told this is top priority for testing.

Two horses were reported at Rosewood with clinical signs which are on a property 1km away from an IP (with a dairy farm in between). Vet visited and samples taken, message that vet says symptoms not consistent with EI.

Provision of DPI&F security for the Brisbane western suburb quarantine site has been arranged as a precaution.

Compliance with standstill requirements has been less complete with Qld Police making 24 interceptions, mostly "low level" non-compliances.

Notifications for neighbours of IPs and DCPs are being carried out and will continue, especially the Narrabri and Morgan Park traces. Horses on all these properties have been sampled except one where the owner is resisting.

Oxley Forward Command Post did induction training of 47 DPI&F casuals with prior SES experience for security and decontamination duties and 16 of these will staff decontamination sites at all IPs including overnight security.

A commercial service handled all phone calls for the DPI&F Business Information Centre which stood down for the week-end. LINK referred all calls to the SDCHQ.

RAMS area who reported a total of 211 calls which as follows:

94 General
88 Movement
27 Permits
2 Qld Racing

Tracing

Brood mare sale at Scone on 24/8 – only one movement of 6 horses went to Queensland (Ormeau), all ok at this stage. Also continuing to trace livestock transporters

Surveillance

Numerous reports of sick horses with no known association with the IPs or DCPs are being received and are being handled on a priority basis.

To date Biosecurity Science Laboratory (BSL) received 72 submissions from 199 horses, with 43 positives, 109 negatives and 49 pending. Of the pending 25 come from Warwick already with positives hence of low priority.

Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL) results confirming BSL results except for 1 sample – AAHL negative but BSL positive, however this property already has 1 positive result confirmed by AAHL.

Planning

The core group has refined the definitions of IP, DCP and Suspect which was circulated at 10.30 hours and will continue to refine tomorrow.

A downloadable information package for vets is now available on the DPI&F website - Equine Influenza home page (www.dpi.qld.gov.au then horses then Equine Influenza Outbreak or http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/cps/rde/xchg/dpi/hs.xsl/27_6921_ENA_HTML.htm)
To get to this site from the EI homepage, go to "What you need to know about Equine Influenza in Queensland" and click on "information for Private Veterinary Practitioners".

Media

There was a display involving Fire-ant volunteers at the Kenmore shopping Centre on Saturday 1 September and information on Equine Influenza was also be available. Qld Police will issue a media release stressing that the horse standstill does not just relate to trucks and floats- but also riding or walking along roads as many of the complaints are of this nature.

Industry liaison

Industry indicated continuing support at today's teleconferenced.

Administration

Logistics phoning all registered vets in Qld seeking additional vets.
National teleconference of Logistics Manager- verbal request for epidemiologists and lab staff- will have definite request list for next teleconference on Monday 3 Sept.

The next SitRep is due at 17:00 on Sunday 2. September unless there are significant developments in the interim.

Rick Webster
Director SDHQ

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BRIEFING NOTE - FOR INFORMATION

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FROM	Racing		
FOR	Treasurer's Office		
SUBJECT	Equine Influenza		
Contact Officer:	Robert Cassidy, Principal Integrity Officer, Office of Racing 322 52978	Record No: TRX-02210	Date: 18/9/07
Requested by:	N/A	Date Approval Required By: N/A	

PURPOSE

1. To provide an update on horse movement restrictions due to the Equine Influenza (EI) outbreak.

BACKGROUND

2. As of Monday 17 September 2007, there are 167 confirmed Infected Properties in Queensland. These are located in Warwick, Minden, Brookfield, Rosewood, Kenmore Hills, Tamborine, and the Goondiwindi region. It is recognised by the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) that this figure is an underestimate of the actual number of premises with infected horses.
3. A standstill policy applies to horses across Queensland as part of the current EI response.

Current zonal system for horse movement permits

4. On 13 September 2007, DPI&F introduced a zonal system whereby Queensland is split in to two EI zones – a restricted zone and a control zone (see map **Attachment 1**).
5. Restricted zone
 - Properties located in the restricted zone remain at a high risk of EI spreading.
 - The restricted zone includes the South East up to Gympie, including the Darling Downs, and the border shires out to Mungindi.
 - No horse movements are permitted in the restricted zone unless the person or organisation has a valid permit. For example, permits may be issued for racehorses housed in a racing precinct within the restricted zone to be walked to a nominated racetrack for track work or a race meeting approved by the DPI&F's Chief Inspector of Stock.
6. Control Zone
 - Properties located in the control zone are considered at a lower risk of EI spreading.
 - The permit system in place for the control zone allows consideration of certain horse movements:
 - within the same shire; and
 - to properties owned by the same person.
 - These movements are still required to be under permit from DPI&F. Individuals or organisations seeking a permit to move a horse in the control area need to demonstrate that there are valid and essential reasons for the movement.

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ISSUES

New Restrictions

7. DPI&F have advised that effective 8.00 am Thursday 20 September 2007, new horse movement restrictions will come into effect. This will not be publicly released until Wednesday, 19 September 2007. There will be no restriction on the movement of horses within the control zone (marked as green on the map). However, if horses are to be moved by vehicle, the owner of the horse will need to complete a "waybill" which is a record of the movement of the horse (available on the DPI&F website).
8. In the restricted zone (marked as red on the map), a permit for any movement of horses will still need to be obtained from DPI&F.
9. Any movement of horses from the control zone into the restricted zone will require a permit to be obtained from DPI&F. Horses that do move from the control zone into the restricted zone will not be permitted to return to the control zone.

Harness Racing

10. Harness racing has not been conducted since the initial EI horse standstill was implemented. The implementation of the new horse movement arrangements on 20 September 2007 will allow harness racing to recommence on a limited basis within established zones. Staff of DPI&F, the Office of Racing and the Queensland Harness Racing Board finalised a plan for racing commencement at Redcliffe on the afternoon/evening of Saturday 22 September 2007, subject to final biosecurity assessments being conducted today. In line with the staged approach taken within the thoroughbred code, the outcomes of the proposed Redcliffe meeting will be assessed prior to any further meetings being conducted. Planning for subsequent meetings is occurring concurrently.

EI Vaccination

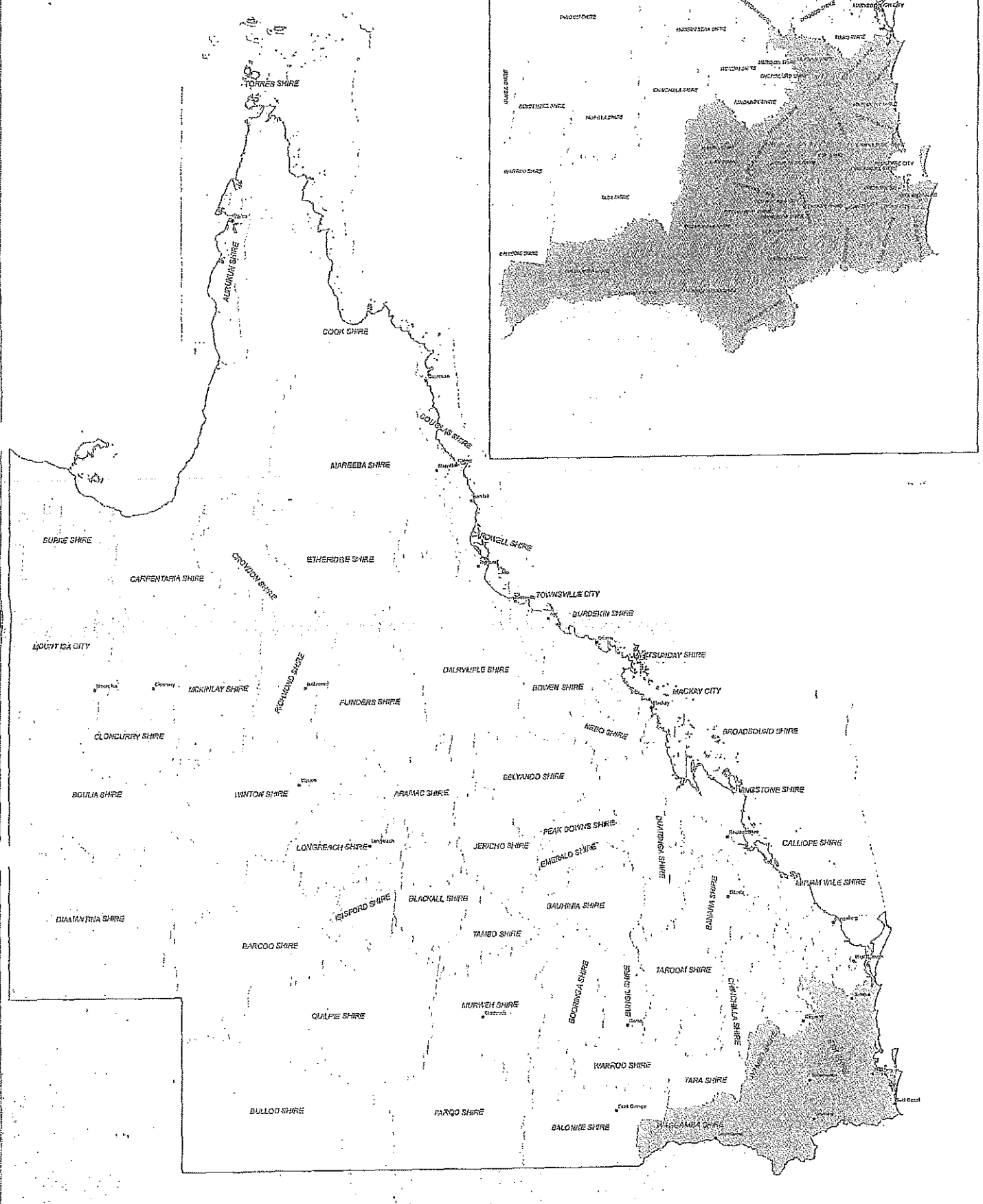
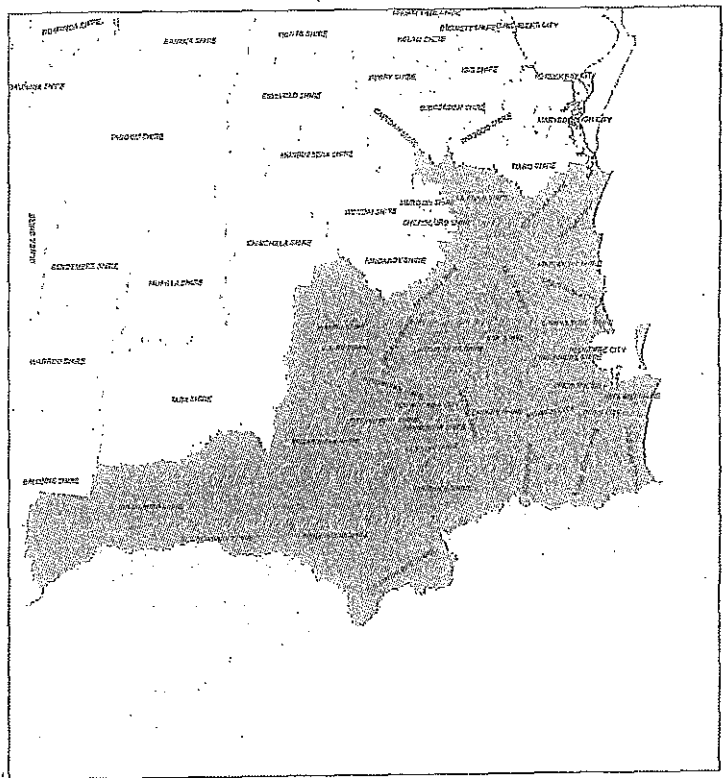
11. Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) issued a press release on Monday, 17 September 2007 (**Attachment 2**) advocating the vaccination of all Queensland thoroughbred, standardbred and competition horses. It is QRL's position that vaccination will allow these horses to develop an immunity to EI and they will then be able to return to competition without the risk of either contracting or transmitting the EI infection.
12. DPI&F is not, at this stage, supportive of an EI vaccination program and maintains that the EI outbreak can be contained and eradicated. In particular, DPI&F has stressed that any action Queensland takes must accord with the agreed position of the National Management Group and the AUSTVET plan agreed between all Australian jurisdictions.
13. This issue has the potential to become highly contentious as differing views are held strongly by various industry groups and licensees within the thoroughbred and harness codes which are experiencing significant hardship as a result of the EI horse movement restrictions. While the arrangements that come into effect on 20 September 2007 will ameliorate some of the hardship being experienced within the racing codes, the horse movement restrictions, particularly within the restricted zone will continue to cause hardship. DPI&F has stressed that decisions must be made based on strong and robust scientific evidence and actions taken by DPI&F to date reflect the specialist scientific evidence available. Discussions between QRL and DPI&F are continuing on this issue with a view to achieving an agreed position.

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Queensland Equine Influenza Proposed Zones (Ians)

As at: 16 September 2007



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The Chairman of Queensland Racing Limited (QRL), Mr Bob Bentley, today called for the introduction of vaccine for Equine Influenza (EI).

Whilst Bentley applauded the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) for the action it had taken to date in attempting to contain the lateral spread of EI, statistics reveal that the influenza continues to spread throughout the horse population in Queensland.

On September 2 2007, the DPI&F advised of 22 infected premises throughout Queensland. This number escalated to 115 on Friday, September 14 2007, and again increased to 146 by Sunday, September 16.

Whilst the DPI&F continue to advise that the spread is associated with existing quarantined precincts throughout Queensland, Bentley said the number of infected premises will continue to grow.

"Notwithstanding the DPI&F plan to introduce a buffer system around the quarantined precincts, QRL is of the view that vaccination of the thoroughbred, standardbred, and other competitive horse populations is the only way to deal with the current crisis, which has had a significant impact on thoroughbred racing both in Queensland and New South Wales," Bentley said.

"Whilst there are a number of arguments in favour and also against equine influenza vaccination, the time has come to take positive action."

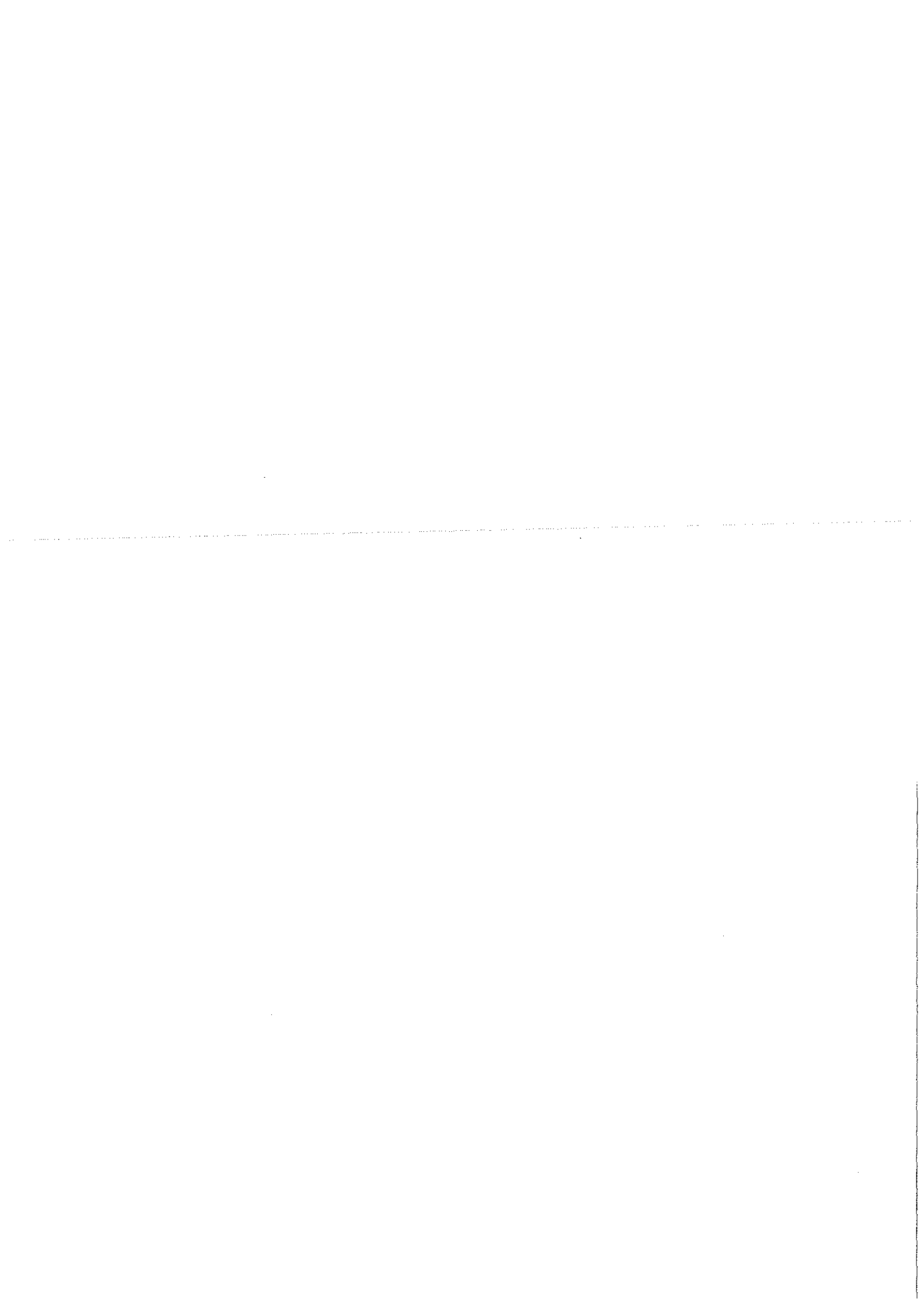
To progress its position, QRL has today advocated its position clearly to the DPI&F and the Australian Racing Board.

For further information, please contact:

Hollie Roberts, Communications Officer (07) 3869 9762

Ends.

MEDIA RELEASE



PERRETT Carol-Ann

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From: kelly mike
Sent: Wednesday, 5 December 2007 4:31 PM
To: perrett carol; paterson john
Subject: FW: Restrictions Lifted As Horse Flu Eases
Attachments: EQUINE INFLUENZA ASSISTANCE PACKAGE UPDATE.doc

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MK

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To: Michael Dart
Cc: KELLY Mike; Gerard.Bradley@treasury.qld.gov.au
Subject: Re: Restrictions Lifted As Horse Flu Eases

Michael

Attached my standard update, with additional info as requested on the employment scheme.

Let me know if you need more.

Kind regards

David

David Ford

Deputy Under Treasurer

Office of the Under Treasurer / Treasury Office/Queensland Treasury

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EQUINE INFLUENZA ASSISTANCE PACKAGE UPDATE

- Announced 26 September 2007
- Four key elements –
 - A small business interest subsidy scheme providing subsidies of up to 50% on existing and new loans for businesses which are facing financial hardship due to the crisis at an estimated cost of up to \$10m.
 - As at 3 December, 108 applications had been received by the Queensland Rural Assistance Authority (QRAA) in DPI. Of these, 78 had been approved with a further 9 being processed. Funds approved totalled \$286,213.
 - A personal support and hardship package to be administered by the Department of Communities at an estimated cost of \$5m including \$2m in emergency relief payments to individuals based on Natural Disaster Relief Assistance guidelines and \$1m to fund non-government service providers to deliver the assistance. This response will provide information, practical support, financial counselling and referral to other avenues of assistance. The service will be delivered through a one-stop shop with assistance from Lifeline and Red Cross.
 - Three “full time” (Hamilton, Drayton and Mermaid Beach) and a number of mobile one stop shops (which have covered Rosewood, Tambourine, Coomera/Oxenford, Mudgeeraba, Gympie, Landsborough, Caboolture, Warwick, Beenleigh, Lowood, Sandgate, Redlands, Nambour and Robina) have dealt with 3,010 contacts and provided \$902,605 in financial assistance up until 9 November.
 - These shops have included representatives from Lifeline and the Red Cross to provide counselling services as needed. The shops have also acted as referral points to other services (eg Centrelink) and have been present at significant industry gatherings (Ipswich, Rocklea and Mt Cotton) and harness race meetings (Marburg, Albion Park, Gold Coast and Redcliffe).
 - Smart Services Queensland has supported this service through a dedicated community recovery hotline, which had received 3,763 calls as at 9 November.
 - No information has been provided to date by Communities on their expenditure on the associated departmental costs (up to \$2m).
 - Note that demand at the one stop shops is dropping steadily over the past couple of weeks.
 - Requests have been made to the Australian Bankers Association for banks to provide short term relief for people facing difficulty in meeting mortgage or loan repayments.
 - It is understood that the Premier has done this.
 - A \$5m program to assist employment retention within the Queensland equine industry during the equine influenza outbreak. It will also include a

major marketing and advertising campaign in support of the 2008 Winter Racing Carnival.

- There are five elements to this funding –
 - \$3.1m for work placement programs. These have been developed by the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations and involve the appointment of work placement co-ordinators to allocate those seeking assistance to racing control bodies, race clubs and other equine sector organisations that require short term labour. Co-ordinators from the racing industry and the Pleasure and Performance Horse sector have commenced work and some 98 people have been employed on 6 projects. Costs to date total \$1.47m, distributed as follows –

Organisation	Locality	No.	Cost	Start Date
Qld Harness Racing	Albion	5	\$250,000	29/10/2007
Qld Harness Racing	Albion	7	\$76,970	4/11/2007
Construction Training Centre	Eagle Farm, Doomben, Albion Park	25	\$328,410	12/11/2007
Construction Training Centre	Redcliffe, Deagon, Burpengary, Caboolture	25	\$328,410	19/11/2007
Challenge Employment & Training	Ipswich, Marburg	20	\$217,180	13/11/2007
Career Employment Australia	Gold Coast, Beaudesert	16	\$217,180	16/11/2007
		98	\$1,470,970	

- \$1.3m for a vaccination acceleration strategy to ensure that racing commences as quickly as possible, thus reducing the need for the provision of alternative work. To date this has been held as a provision, pending resolution between QRL and DPI as to need, given the cost sharing arrangements in place for funding the vaccination program.
- \$0.650m (\$0.500 for thoroughbreds and \$0.150 for harness) is included in the package and will be allocated via the Office of Racing at the appropriate time. A submission from QRL on behalf of the thoroughbred and harness codes has been received and is being evaluated (note that it seeks an amount of \$1.5 million).
- \$0.250m to the greyhound racing industry in recognition of costs incurred as a result of the equine influenza outbreak. This has been paid.
- \$0.5m has been allocated to the Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry to provide affected businesses with access to professional expertise to assist them to develop strategies to survive the impact of the equine influenza outbreak, to manage and sustain their business, consider future mitigation strategies and enhance capacity for recovery. This involves professionally delivered seminars and one-on-one consultation sessions. Interest in this scheme has been low to date.

- In addition, it is understood that discussions have taken place with regard to the program's capacity to meet costs for small "add-ons" specifically to target the Performance and Pleasure Horse Industry. Details are awaited from Premiers, but it is not expected that the sought amounts will exceed \$0.5m.

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Subject: Draft QON 1874 Revised 3 December 2007
Attachments: QON 1874 Revised 3 December 2007.doc

Michael

Thanks for the extra words re Deagon. I made a few minor changes. Are you

OK with the draft QON?

Thanks

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(See attached file: QON 1874 Revised 3 December 2007.doc)

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Subject: RE: Racing Industry Costs

Ashley - if you need any detail concerning how these costs to the two control bodies have been determined (i.e. from what areas of CB operations) then we will need to give them some lead time to put together anything that is completely reliable. If you want me to chase them up let me know.

MK

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Subject: FW: EI Inquiry update

carol - can you get from Crown law

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From: Lachlan Smith [<mailto:Lachlan.Smith@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]

Sent: Friday, 7 December 2007 5:59 PM

To: KELLY Mike

Subject: EI Inquiry update

Hi Mike, one for Monday - Treasurer has requested an update on where the EI Inquiry (Callinan et al) is up to, incl. any involvement from QLD thus far.

Have a great weekend,

L

Lachlan Smith | Policy Advisor to

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Subject: FYI - Update on the EI Vaccination Acceleration Strategy

David

FYI - DPIF have advised Kaylene that the Vaccination Acceleration Strategy is no longer required. There has been no expenditure against the project.

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March 13, 2008

Third round EI vaccinations

Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) will commence the third round of Equine Influenza vaccinations for those horses that are due to receive their next administration.

QRL Chief Operations Manager Mr Malcolm Tuttle said QRL would provide a \$400,000 subsidy for the third round vaccinations with most horses due in late March.

"QRL will meet the full cost of the vaccine and subsidise the costs of the third inoculation by providing \$25.00 (excluding GST) per administration to the applicable veterinarian on receipt of the administration document," Mr Tuttle said.

"The subsidy of \$25.00 (excluding GST) per administration and the cost of the vaccine do not form part of the national cost sharing agreement and will be met by QRL.

"Connections are required to contact their veterinarian to arrange the next administration of vaccine and in turn the veterinarian will order the required amount of vaccine from QRL.

"Whilst there is still uncertainty in relation to approval for ongoing vaccination beyond the third inoculation we are of the view that the administration of the next round of vaccine makes good business sense in the circumstances."

For further information on the third round vaccinations please visit the QRL website www.queenslandracing.com.au.

For further media information please contact QRL Senior Communications Officer, Claire Power, on (07) 3869 9760.

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Carol/Mike

FYI....

Liz

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Please find enclosed a Discussion Paper titled "Update on the Queensland Government Response to the Equine Influenza Outbreak" for consideration and comment.

It would be appreciated if you would arrange for Departmental officers to review the attached paper and for your Department's comments to be forwarded (including a nil response) to Kaylene Robertson, Resources Branch, Queensland Treasury via email to Kaylene.Robertson@Treasury.qld.gov.au by **COB Monday, 16 June 2008**.

If you have any queries related to the Discussion Paper please don't hesitate to contact Kaylene Robertson on 3225 8267. Thank you for your assistance with this request. I apologise for the short timeframe.

Jodi Norris
Assistant Policy Officer
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SUBJECT

Equine Influenza Marketing Initiative

BACKGROUND

- In response to the Equine Influenza (EI) outbreak in 2007, the Queensland Government provided a \$20.0 million financial assistance package to assist Queenslanders whose livelihood had been affected by the outbreak.
- As part of the financial assistance package, a \$5.0 million funding initiative was approved to assist employment retention initiatives, with \$0.650 million set aside for marketing support to the thoroughbred and harness codes of racing.

CURRENT STATUS

- In November 2007, Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) provided to the Office of Racing a marketing proposal on behalf of both the thoroughbred and harness racing codes to address the impacts of the EI outbreak in both south-east and regional Queensland.
- As the Queensland Events Corporation (QEC) was already developing a marketing campaign around the Stradbroke Handicap/Queen's Birthday weekend of thoroughbred racing in Brisbane, QRL was directed to QEC for further assistance and discussion.
- QRL met with QEC on 31 January 2008 to discuss the QRL marketing proposal for the thoroughbred and harness codes.
- QRL was advised by QEC that it was only developing an event and marketing package around the Stradbroke Handicap/Queen's Birthday weekend of thoroughbred racing in Brisbane, and would not be addressing the wider metropolitan and regional industry impacts on the thoroughbred and harness codes of the EI outbreak (refer **Attachment 1**).
- QEC advised QRL that as the proposal had a wider scope than the Stradbroke Handicap/Queen's Birthday weekend of thoroughbred racing in Brisbane, it would be more appropriate for QRL to undertake the marketing initiative that it has proposed on behalf of the thoroughbred and harness racing codes.
- On 28 February 2008, QRL provided an updated marketing proposal to the Office of Racing (**Attachment 2**).
- The QRL marketing strategy focuses on increasing patronage at racecourses and wagering on Queensland racing events, and the proposal targets the harness and thoroughbred codes both in south-east Queensland and regional Queensland.
- QRL has requested financial assistance of \$1.5 million from the Queensland Government to fund the marketing proposal on behalf of both codes.
- QRL has been advised that if any incentive is approved, only \$0.650 million is available for the purposes of marketing.
- QRL has subsequently advised that it wishes to pursue this initiative and if its funding request is successful, it will tailor the marketing package to the amount of funding provided.

- Subject to approval being granted, QRL and the QHRB will be required to enter into funding agreements that will include detailed information on all aspects of the marketing initiative to be undertaken.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you approve in principle expenditure of \$0.650 million under the \$5.0 million initiative for the implementation of QRL's marketing proposal as attached (**Attachment 2**) subject to QRL and the QHRB entering into a funding agreement with Queensland Treasury.

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Date: 6 March 2008

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*Please prepare brief
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Recommendation Approved:



Date: 10 MAR 2008

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~~Dear Mr Kelly~~ *DEAR MIKE*

Following correspondence with the Chairman of Queensland Events (QE), I attended a meeting with Mr Des Power, the Chairman, Mr Michael Denton, the Chief Executive Officer and Mr Warwick Marler, a Board Member, on January 31, 2008.

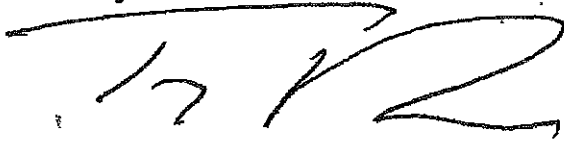
At this meeting a discussion was held on the subject of QE developing an event package around the Stradbroke Handicap and what is currently the Queen's Birthday long weekend of racing in Brisbane.

The team from QE explained their concept for an event based around the working title 'Classic Stradbroke' encompassing a broad spread of activities, including a theatre production at QPAC and an exhibition at the Gallery of Modern Art. Whilst this initiative is to be applauded and it will undoubtedly add support to our Winter Carnival, it will only marginally assist the loss of racing support at the TAB/Club venues across Queensland due to the effects of the prolonged Equine Influenza (EI) virus. Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) TAB venues are experiencing a sustained reduction in patronage since racing recommenced.

As you are aware, QRL have prepared an EI marketing initiative with the objective of stimulating patronage in Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Sunshine and Gold Coasts, Toowoomba, Ipswich and the Metropolitan area. QRL has submitted to the Office of Racing, a comprehensive plan, which we believe with adequate funding, will help address these issues.

I have discussed our proposed plan with QE and they believe it is entirely proper that we should carry out this initiative. I am formally requesting that the EI Marketing Proposal, as presented, be adopted.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Hanmer', written over a horizontal line.

MR T. HANMER
Deputy Chairman

Queensland Racing Limited

EQUINE INFLUENZA MARKETING INITIATIVE

A proposal submitted to

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February 2008

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INTRODUCTION

The racing industry in Queensland has suffered substantially since the outbreak of Equine Influenza (EI). Racing was limited or non-existent and only returned through October and November 2007 as the industry regained momentum.

From 1 December, 2007, the racing program will return to the state in a format more consistent with what the industry and the general public has been familiar with.

During the racing lockdown, wagering continued on interstate product but the Queensland product suffered and will be forced to climb back to levels it was previously accustomed to over the coming years. Wagering turnover is the primary source of revenue to the racing industry and it is critical that this is re-established as quickly as possible.

Similarly on-course revenue of race clubs and bookmakers has been severely impacted and for these stakeholders it is crucial that patronage of race meetings returns to normal as soon as possible.

Impacting these needs, confusion about the return of public access to the races will be prevalent in those non-regular punters who go to the races for the social and entertainment values. Regular punters also need to be reminded that racing is back in Queensland and that it is time to consider the Queensland product once again.

To address this situation marketing the racing industry in Queensland is vital. A campaign focused on both South East Queensland and regional Queensland will provide the public with a clear message; Queensland racing is back, and back on track.

BACKGROUND AND MOTIVATION

On 1 October, 2007 The Honorable Anna Bligh announced a \$20 million assistance package available for those suffering as a result of the Equine Influenza outbreak in Queensland.

As part of this package and under the heading of Horse Industry skills retention, a \$5 million package has been provided to assist the Queensland horse industry transition to recover after the crisis. This should include a major marketing and advertising campaign.

Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) is proposing to coordinate a marketing and advertising campaign on behalf of the racing industry including both thoroughbred racing and harness racing codes.

This campaign will deliver a clear message to the public that racing in the state is back on track and will seek to recover some of the ground lost in wagering levels and stimulate cost attendance at race meetings. These aspects are critical to rebuilding the position of racing and securing the future for thousands of Queensland workers.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

It is proposed that a comprehensive, integrated marketing campaign will be conducted in two phases covering all aspects of communication to the target audience in order to satisfy the objectives.

Objectives

The primary objective is to increase wagering and race meeting attendance. The secondary objective is to raise awareness of the racing product offering and complement the existing marketing activities employed by Queensland race clubs.

A heavy emphasis on the south-east corner of the state will be required with the lucrative thoroughbred winter racing carnival and harness spring carnival the major draw cards. Marketing in this area is currently disjointed and confusing to the consumer.

Post Winter Race Carnival there is proposed to be an appropriate campaign targeted at regional and country Queensland where the additional issues of supporting both the local economy and the social fabric of country communities are important.

Marketing plan

The marketing plan will consider all requirements of race clubs, Queensland Racing Limited and the Queensland Harness Racing Board (QHRB) in achieving the stated objectives with stakeholder consultation between QRL, QHRB, thoroughbred TAB clubs and harness racing clubs in South-East Queensland to determine the final appropriate marketing strategy and mix.

Presented here is a high level summary of the marketing plan and the activities to be conducted as part of this campaign.

Product profile

Racing appeals to a wide spectrum of people and lifestyles from families to singles and business to social groups. The lack of consumer awareness of the racing calendar post EI has the potential to make the road to recovery tougher for the industry.

Our business is more than just racing it provides:

- Thoroughbred racing
- Harness racing
- Gambling/wagering
- Food and beverage
- Fashion
- Networking
- Entertainment
- Tourism
- Social/leisure

The quality of racing in Queensland pre EI has been highly recognized for many years, particularly through events such as the thoroughbred Winter Carnival, Magic Millions carnival, and Harness Spring Carnival and Grand Circuit and includes:

- A higher level of racing status compared to other states,
- A thoroughbred Winter Carnival that provides a good racing platform for intrastate and international visitors which in turn provides quality racing,
- The social aspect that provides quality entertainment, and;
- Adequate venues available but not of the same caliber as those
- Interstate (e.g. Flemington racecourse).

Target market

The Potential attendance varies depending on the day of the week.

- Friday through Sunday is the main race day for the general public with racing every Saturday in Brisbane and the Gold Coast plus a host of regional centers with up to approximately 12 thoroughbred meetings throughout the state and the primary harness meeting at Albion Park on the same day. Target market includes:
 - Industry representatives
 - Punters
 - Students/Gen Y
 - Professionals with surplus income
 - Families
 - Baby boomers/retirees

- Midweek – Traditionally midweek racing is for the professional punters and retirees and attracts limited onsite patrons. There are generally 4 thoroughbred meetings and 4 harness meetings staged midweek with evening harness racing a feature of Friday nights at the Gold Coast. One area growing momentum is midweek functions for business providing an alternative venue for networking other than the office. Target market includes:

- Predominantly male audience
- Industry representatives
- Punters
- Baby boomers/retirees
- Business

SWOT analysis

Strengths

- Weather
 - South-East Queensland offers a perfect climate for racing all year round
 - Country and provincial areas provide perfect winter racing Climate
- Quality racing – large fields each week
- Location - Brisbane
 - Public transport easily accessed
 - Close to city
 - Ample parking
- Racing every Saturday in Brisbane and the Gold Coast
- Twilight racing in Toowoomba provides patrons with evening entertainment every Saturday
- Evening harness racing provides another entertainment dimension
- Sunday racing at the Sunshine Coast provides patrons with an alternative day with less conflict on their weekly Saturday activities (e.g. sport)
- Unique Sunshine Coast opportunity with the opening of the cushion track synthetic race surface from April 08
- Entertaining afternoon
- Live action on the track
- Open for all ages
- Prior punting knowledge not required to enjoy the racing experience

Weaknesses

- Attending the races has been out of patrons minds since EI broke
- EI protocols have caused confusion over whether people can attend the races
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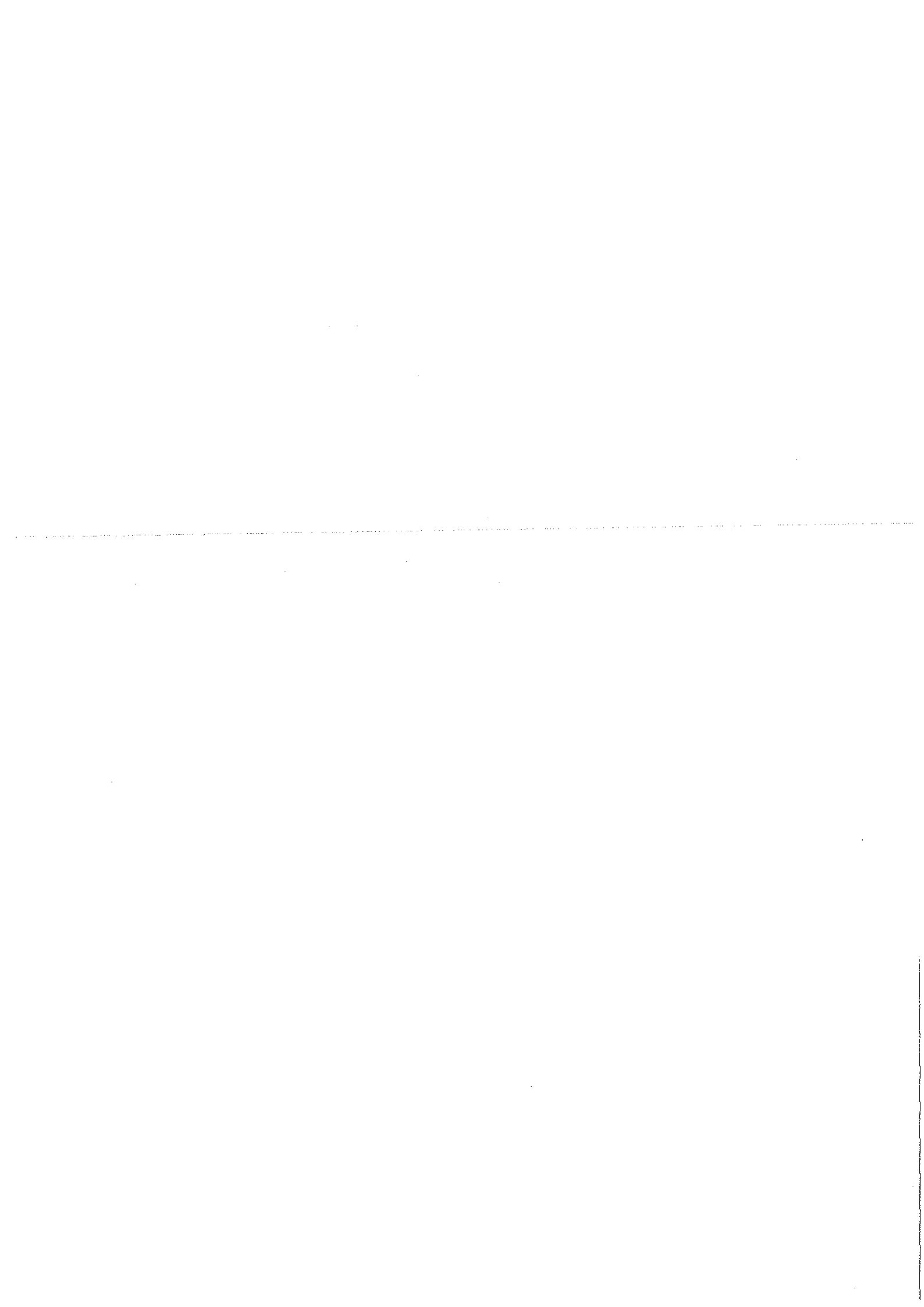
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Contact Officer:	Kirsty Karauria, Principal Compliance Officer Office of Racing Regulation	Record No: RAC-00030	Date: 11 March 2008
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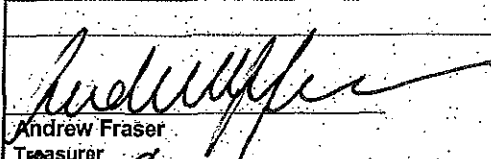
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 Gerard Bradley
 Under Treasurer Date 11/3/08

Approved	Not approved	Noted
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BRIEFING NOTE - FOR INFORMATION

FROM	Treasury		
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SUBJECT	EI – Marketing Initiative Update		
Contact Officer:	Mike Kelly, Executive Director, Office of Racing – 3234 1376	Record No: RAC-00042	Date: 7/5/08
Requested by:	Requested by Lachlan Smith, Policy Advisor	Date Approval Required By: 7/5/08	

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no additional financial implications.

MEDIA RELEASE

11. QRL and the QHRB have been advised that details of the funding initiative should remain confidential at this stage and that no announcements should be made until further advice is received from this office. Once the detailed proposal has been received and assessed, there may be an opportunity for an appropriate media release.

RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

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INTRODUCTION

The racing industry in Queensland has suffered substantially since the outbreak of Equine Influenza (EI). Racing was limited or non-existent and only returned through October and November 2007 as the industry regained momentum.

From 1 December, 2007, the racing program will return to the state in a format more consistent with what the industry and the general public has been familiar with.

During the racing lockdown, wagering continued on interstate product but the Queensland product suffered and will be forced to climb back to levels it was previously accustomed to over the coming years. Wagering turnover is the primary source of revenue to the racing industry and it is critical that this is re-established as quickly as possible.

Similarly on-course revenue of race clubs and bookmakers has been severely impacted and for these stakeholders it is crucial that patronage of race meetings returns to normal as soon as possible.

Impacting these needs, confusion about the return of public access to the races will be prevalent in those non-regular punters who go to the races for the social and entertainment values. Regular punters also need to be reminded that racing is back in Queensland and that it is time to consider the Queensland product once again.

To address this situation marketing the racing industry in Queensland is vital. A campaign focused on both South East Queensland and regional Queensland will provide the public with a clear message; Queensland racing is back, and back on track.

BACKGROUND AND MOTIVATION

On 1 October, 2007 The Honorable Anna Bligh announced a \$20 million assistance package available for those suffering as a result of the Equine Influenza outbreak in Queensland.

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Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) is proposing to coordinate a marketing and advertising campaign on behalf of the racing industry including both thoroughbred racing and harness racing codes.

This campaign will deliver a clear message to the public that racing in the state is back on track and will seek to recover some of the ground lost in wagering levels and stimulate cost attendance at race meetings. These aspects are critical to rebuilding the position of racing and securing the future for thousands of Queensland workers.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

It is proposed that a comprehensive, integrated marketing campaign will be conducted in two phases covering all aspects of communication to the target audience in order to satisfy the objectives.

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The primary objective is to increase wagering and race meeting attendance. The secondary objective is to raise awareness of the racing product offering and complement the existing marketing activities employed by Queensland race clubs.

A heavy emphasis on the south-east corner of the state will be required with the lucrative thoroughbred winter racing carnival and harness spring carnival the major draw cards. Marketing in this area is currently disjointed and confusing to the consumer.

Post Winter Race Carnival there is proposed to be an appropriate campaign targeted at regional and country Queensland where the additional issues of supporting both the local economy and the social fabric of country communities are important.

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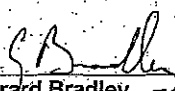
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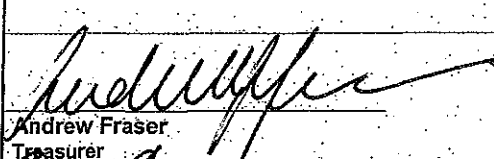
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18. If approval is granted, Treasury will consult with the Department of Premier and Cabinet Communications section in relation to QRL's detailed marketing proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

19. It is recommended that you approve in principle, expenditure of \$0.650 million under the \$5.0 million initiative for the implementation of QRL's marketing proposal as attached (Attachment 2) subject to QRL and the QHRB entering into a funding agreement with Queensland Treasury.


 Gerard Bradley
 Under Treasurer Date 11/3/08

Approved	Not approved	Noted
Treasurer's Comments		
 Andrew Fraser Treasurer 11/3/08		

Name	Action Officer/Author	Prepared by	Director	Initials	ED/AUT	Initials	ED/AUT	Initials
Kirsty Karuria	Kirsty Karuria	Mike Kelly						
Office of Racing Regulation	Office of Racing Regulation	Office of Racing						
3234 1378	3234 1378	3234 1376						
11 March 2008	11 March 2008	11/03/2008						11/3/08

* This officer may be required to provide further detailed information regarding the issue

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BRIEFING NOTE

FROM	Treasury		
FOR	Treasurer		
SUBJECT	Equine Influenza Marketing Initiative – Execution of Funding Agreements		
Contact Officer:	Kirsty Karauria, Principal Compliance Officer Office of Racing	Record No: RAC-00060	Date: 3 September 2008
Requested by:		Date Approval Required By: / /	

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this submission is to seek your signature on the attached copies of the funding agreement with Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) and Queensland Harness Racing Limited (QHRL) for the equine influenza marketing initiative.

BACKGROUND

2. On 18 March 2008, you provided in-principle approval for expenditure of \$0.650 million under the \$5.0 million initiative for the implementation of QRL's Equine Influenza (EI) marketing initiative subject to QRL and QHRL entering into a funding agreement with Queensland Treasury (**Attachment 1**).
3. A further update on the initiative was noted by you on 13 May 2008 (**Attachment 2**).
4. On 29 May 2008, a detailed marketing proposal was forwarded by QRL to the Office of Racing titled 'Outline of Marketing Approach Equine Influenza Marketing'. A copy of this proposal is attached to the funding agreements (**Attachment 3**).
5. Due to issues regarding determining an alternative location for the harness racing Inter-Dominion for 2009, and the final declaration of Australia being EI free on 30 June 2008, funding agreements were held until these issues were resolved.
6. On 14 August 2008, you met with Mr Tony Hanmer, a Director of QRL, to discuss the proposed marketing strategy, and determine an agreed slogan for the QRL component of the marketing campaign.

ISSUES

7. All outstanding issues have been resolved and you have agreed to the slogan for use in the QRL marketing campaign.
8. The attached funding agreements have been signed by both QRL and QHRL and require your signature on behalf of the State of Queensland.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

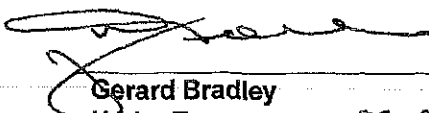
9. Under the already approved \$5 million funding initiative, \$0.650 million has been identified for the purposes of marketing. There are no additional financial implications.

RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

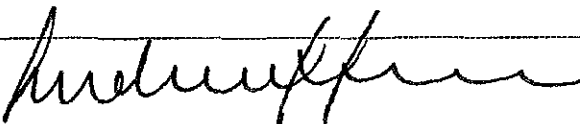
- 10. The Office of Racing has consulted with Treasury Resources Branch who has confirmed that there is an amount of \$0.650 million set aside for the purposes of marketing and this is already included in their project estimates.
- 11. The Office of Racing will consult with the Finance Branch to facilitate payment to QRL and QHRL.

RECOMMENDATION

- 12. It is recommended that you sign the attached copies of the funding agreement with QRL and QHRL. One copy each of the executed agreement will be returned to QRL and QHRL for their records.



Gerard Bradley
Under Treasurer Date 02/09/08

Approved	Not approved	Noted
Treasurer's Comments		
 Andrew Fraser Treasurer 17/9/08		

Name	Action Officer/Author	Director	(Initials)	ED/AUT	(Initials)	DU	(Initials)
Kirsty Karauria	Mike Kelly						
Office of Racing Regulation	Office of Racing						
3234 1378	3234 1376						
3 September 2008	/ / 2008						

* This officer may be required to provide further detailed information regarding the issue

ATTACHMENT 1

BRIEFING NOTE

FROM	Treasury		
FOR	Treasurer		
SUBJECT	Equine Influenza Marketing Initiative		
Contact Officer:	Kirsty Keradira, Principal Compliance Officer Office of Racing Regulation	Record No: RAO-00090	Date: 11 March 2008
Requested by:	Date Approval Required By: / /		

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this submission is to seek your approval in principle for expenditure of \$0.650 million under a \$5.0 million funding initiative for the implementation of Queensland Racing Limited's (QRL) marketing proposal subject to QRL and the Queensland Harness Racing Board (QHRB) entering into a funding agreement with Queensland Treasury.

BACKGROUND

2. In response to the Equine Influenza (EI) outbreak in 2007, the Queensland Government provided a \$20.0 million financial assistance package to assist Queenslanders whose livelihood had been affected by the outbreak.
3. As part of the financial assistance package, a \$5.0 million funding initiative was approved to assist employment retention initiatives, with \$0.650 million set aside for marketing support to the thoroughbred and harness codes of racing.
4. In November 2007, QRL provided to the Office of Racing a marketing proposal on behalf of both the thoroughbred and harness racing codes to address the impacts of the EI outbreak in both south-east and regional Queensland.
5. As the Queensland Events Corporation (QEC) was already developing a marketing campaign around the Stradbroke Handicap/Queen's Birthday weekend of thoroughbred racing in Brisbane, QRL was directed to QEC for further assistance and discussion.
6. QRL met with QEC on 31 January 2008 to discuss the QRL marketing proposal for the thoroughbred and harness codes.
7. QRL was advised by QEC that it was only developing an event and marketing package around the Stradbroke Handicap/Queen's Birthday weekend of thoroughbred racing in Brisbane, and would not be addressing the wider metropolitan and regional industry impacts on the thoroughbred and harness codes of the EI outbreak (refer **Attachment 1**).
8. QEC advised QRL that as the proposal had a wider scope than the Stradbroke Handicap/Queen's Birthday weekend of thoroughbred racing in Brisbane, it would be more appropriate for QRL to undertake the marketing initiative that it has proposed on behalf of the thoroughbred and harness racing codes.

ISSUES

9. On 28 February 2008, QRL provided an updated marketing proposal to the Office of Racing (**Attachment 2**).
10. The QRL marketing strategy focuses on increasing patronage at racecourses and wagering on Queensland racing events, and the proposal targets the harness and thoroughbred codes both in south-east Queensland and regional Queensland.

BRIEFING NOTE - FOR INFORMATION

FROM	Treasury		
FOR	Treasurer		
SUBJECT	EI – Marketing Initiative Update		
Contact Officer:	Mike Kelly, Executive Director, Office of Racing – 3234 1376	Record No: RAC-00042	Date: 7/5/08
Requested by:	Requested by Lachlan Smith, Policy Advisor	Date Approval Required By: 7/5/08	

PURPOSE

1. To provide an update on the Equine Influenza (EI) marketing initiative.

BACKGROUND

2. In response to the Equine Influenza (EI) outbreak in 2007, the Queensland Government provided a \$20.0 million financial assistance package to assist Queenslanders whose livelihood had been affected by the outbreak.
3. As part of the financial assistance package, a \$5.0 million funding initiative was approved to assist employment retention initiatives, with \$0.650 million set aside for marketing support to the thoroughbred and harness codes of racing.
4. On 28 February 2008, Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) provided a combined thoroughbred and harness marketing proposal to the Office of Racing (**Attachment 1**) focused on increasing patronage at racecourses and wagering on Queensland racing events, and the proposal targeted the harness and thoroughbred codes both in south-east Queensland and regional Queensland.
5. On 18 March 2008, you provided in-principle approval for expenditure of \$0.650 million under the \$5.0 million initiative for the implementation of QRL's marketing initiative subject to QRL and the Queensland Harness Racing Board (QHRB) entering into a funding agreement with Queensland Treasury (**Attachment 2**).
6. On 27 March, the Office of Racing wrote to QRL and the QHRB requesting an updated and detailed marketing proposal on behalf of both codes which reflected the \$0.650 million in-principle expenditure approval.

ISSUES

7. On 6 May 2008, QRL advised this office that QRL and the QHRB had agreed to split the funding on the basis on 84% to QRL for the thoroughbred code, and 16% to the QHRB for the harness code, which roughly approximates the inter-code TAB funding split. This totals \$0.546 million to QRL and \$0.104 million to the QHRB.
8. QRL and the QHRB are to provide a detailed marketing proposal to reflect the \$0.650 million funding approval and their agreed funding split.
9. Once the detailed proposal has been received, the Office of Racing will arrange a meeting between QRL, the QHRB and Treasury officers from the Marketing and Communications Unit to confirm detail of the proposed marketing initiative and the project plan, prior to a funding agreement being drafted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no additional financial implications.

MEDIA RELEASE

11. QRL and the QHRB have been advised that details of the funding initiative should remain confidential at this stage and that no announcements should be made until further advice is received from this office. Once the detailed proposal has been received and assessed, there may be an opportunity for an appropriate media release.

RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

12. QRL and QHRB have agreed to the funding split of 84% and 16% respectively.

13. The Office of Racing will consult with the Marketing and Communications Unit once the detailed proposal has been received.

Noted *AK* *13/5*

Comments (back to Department/further action - if applicable)

*This should be on foot now
Please urgently action.*

Name	Action Officer/Author	Director	ED/AUT	DU
Branch/Division	Office of Racing Regulation	Office of Racing		
Telephone	3234 1378	3234 1376		
Date	7 May 2008			9.7.1.08/10

*This officer may be required to provide further detailed information regarding the issue

THIS AGREEMENT is made this 17TH day of SEPTEMBER 2008

BETWEEN STATE OF QUEENSLAND acting through the Treasurer of the State of Queensland of Level 9, 100 George Street Brisbane in the State of Queensland ('the State').

AND QUEENSLAND RACING LIMITED (ACN 116 735 374) of Lot 2 Racecourse Road, Deagon in the State of Queensland ('Queensland Racing').

AND QUEENSLAND HARNESS RACING LIMITED (ACN 128 036 000) of 3 Amy Street, Albion in the State of Queensland ('Queensland Harness Racing').

WHEREAS

- A. The Equine Influenza ('EI') outbreak in mid 2007 caused significant adverse impacts on the Queensland thoroughbred and harness horse racing industries.
- B. Those industries are currently recovering from the EI outbreak.
- C. To assist with the recovery process, the Queensland Government is providing a financial assistance package. As part of the financial assistance package, the Treasurer of Queensland, has in-principle, approved payment of the Funding Amount to assist with the cost of marketing those industries. The in-principle approval is subject to the State, Queensland Racing and Queensland Harness Racing entering into a formal agreement.
- D. Along with the gaming and other similar industries and community interest organisations, the Queensland Government is committed to ensuring that gambling and the marketing of the gaming and other similar industries is undertaken in a responsible manner. This is particularly relevant where the Queensland Government is assisting to fund the costs of marketing participants in those industries. Consequently, whilst the State does not intend to impede the creativity of the marketing programme that is to be developed and implemented by the Queensland thoroughbred and harness horse racing industries, the State will require as part of this Agreement, the right of prior review and approval of all Marketing Material.
- E. The Parties wish to record the terms and conditions upon which the Funding Amount is to be paid, received and used as set out in this Agreement.

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS

1. DEFINITIONS & INTERPRETATION

1.1 Unless the context otherwise requires, the following words have the following meanings:

'Adjustment Event' has the meaning given by the GST Law.

'Adjustment Note' has the meaning given by the GST Law.

'Agreement' means this Agreement or any authorised variation and includes any schedule or attachment.

'Commencement Date' means the date of of this Agreement.

'Funding Amount' means \$650,000.00.

'GST' means any tax on the supply of goods, services, real property and other things which is imposed or assessed under any GST Law.

'GST Law' means *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 (Cwth)* and the related Acts which constitute the Commonwealth taxation reform.

'Marketing Material' means all advertising developed from the Outline of Marketing Approach Equine Influenza Marketing which is intended to be disseminated through either radio, print, television or other media.

'Outline of Marketing Approach Equine Influenza Marketing' means the Outline of Marketing Approach Equine Influenza prepared by Queensland Racing and Queensland Harness Racing in May 2008 including appendices A to D as set out in schedule 1 of the Agreement.

'Party' means a party to this Agreement.

'Supply' has the meaning given by the GST Law.

'Taxable Invoice' has the meaning given by the GST Law.

'Taxable Supply' has the meaning given by the GST Law.

1.2 In the Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) all capitalised terms used in this Agreement have the respective meanings set out in clause 1.1 of this Agreement;
- (b) headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation;
- (c) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (d) a reference to one gender includes all genders;
- (e) a reference to a clause or schedule is to a clause or schedule of this Agreement;
- (f) where a word or phrase is defined, its other grammatical forms have a corresponding meaning;
- (g) a reference to a person, corporation, body politic, trust, partnership, unincorporated body, organisation or other entity includes any of them.

2. DURATION

2.1 This Agreement will start on the Commencement Date.

2.2 Unless terminated earlier in accordance with its terms, this Agreement will continue until all the obligations and requirements have been performed in accordance with the Agreement.

3. PAYMENT OF FUNDING AMOUNT

3.1 Within 14 days of the Commencement Date, the State shall provide:

- (a) Queensland Racing with eighty four percent (84%) of the Funding Amount for the purpose of Queensland Racing's development and execution of the marketing programme as outlined in the document Outline of Marketing Approach Equine Influenza Marketing so far as specifically relevant to Queensland Racing; and

- (b) Queensland Harness Racing with sixteen percent (16%) of the Funding Amount for the purpose of Queensland Harness Racing's development and execution of the marketing programme as outlined in the document Outline of Marketing Approach Equine Influenza Marketing so far as specifically relevant to Queensland Harness Racing.

4. USE OF FUNDING AMOUNT AND RELATED UNDERTAKINGS BY QUEENSLAND RACING AND QUEENSLAND HARNESS RACING

4.1 Queensland Racing undertakes to:

- (a) use all monies provided by the State (being eighty four percent (84%) of the Funding Amount) to develop and execute the marketing programme as outlined in the documents Outline of Marketing Approach Equine Influenza Marketing so far as specifically relevant to Queensland Racing and within the timeframes indicated in those documents;
- (b) obtain the prior written agreement of the State (with such agreement to be sought from the Executive Director, Office Of Racing) to the publication, broadcast, telecast or other form of release to the public of the Marketing Material so far as specifically relevant to Queensland Racing;
- (c) include in a prominent place in the Marketing Material whether audio or visual an acknowledgement of the contribution of the State in supporting the recovery of the Queensland thoroughbred racing industry;
- (d) provide the State within thirty (30) days of either the completion of the marketing programme as outlined in the documents Outline of Marketing Approach Equine Influenza Marketing so far as specifically relevant to Queensland Racing or 31 March 2009 whichever is the first to occur with written advice from its auditor that either all State monies provided have been spent for the purpose as authorised by this Agreement or an explanation as to how the State monies have or have not been spent; and
- (e) refund to the State any monies which it has not used for the purpose as authorised by this Agreement.

4.2 Queensland Harness Racing undertakes to:

- (a) use all monies provided by the State (being sixteen percent (16%) of the Funding Amount) to develop and execute the marketing programme as outlined in the documents Outline of Marketing Approach Equine Influenza so far as specifically relevant to Queensland Harness Racing and within the timeframes indicated in those documents;
- (b) obtain the prior written agreement of the State (with such agreement to be sought from the Executive Director, Office Of Racing) to the publication, broadcast, telecast or other form of release to the public of the Marketing Material so far as specifically relevant to Queensland Harness Racing;
- (c) include in a prominent place in the Marketing Material whether audio or visual an acknowledgement of the contribution of the State in supporting the recovery of the Queensland harness racing industry;
- (d) provide the State within thirty (30) days of either the completion of the marketing programme as outlined in the documents Outline of Marketing Approach Equine Influenza Marketing so far as specifically relevant to Queensland Harness Racing or 30

June 2009 whichever is the first to occur with written advice from its auditor that either all State monies provided have been spent for the purpose as authorised by this Agreement or an explanation as to how the State monies have or have not been spent; and

- (e) refund to the State any monies which it has not used for the purpose as authorised by this Agreement.

5. LIMITATION ON THE RIGHT OF THE STATE TO WITHHOLD AGREEMENT TO THE PUBLICATION ETC OF THE MARKETING MATERIAL OF QUEENSLAND RACING AND QUEENSLAND HARNESS RACING

- 5.1 The State acting through the Executive Director Office of Racing may withhold its agreement as contemplated in clauses 4.1(b) or 4.2 (b) only in the circumstance where the State forms the view that the message or theme of the Marketing Material is inconsistent with a responsible gambling message or theme. Specifically the State may not withhold its agreement based on an objection to the creativity or otherwise of the Marketing Material.

Example: Marketing Material with a message promoting increased winnings based on increased gambling is inconsistent with a responsible gambling message

- 5.2 The State must within seven (7) days of receiving the Marketing Material make its determination and advise the relevant Party.

6. TERMINATION

- 6.1 If Queensland Racing or Queensland Harness Racing breaches a term of this Agreement, then to the extent of the Party in breach, the State may terminate this Agreement.
- 6.2 Upon termination of the Agreement as contemplated in clause 6.1, the Party in breach must:
 - (a) repay to the State any monies from the Funding Amount which it received that have not be spent; and
 - (b) if notified by the State, repay to the State an amount up to or equal to the relevant percentage received by it of the Funding Amount.
- 6.3 All funds required to be paid to the State under this clause are debts due to and recoverable by the State.

7. APPROVALS & NOTICES

- 7.1 All approvals, notices and other writing required to be given under this Agreement, shall be deemed to be properly served, if delivered in writing personally or sent by post or facsimile transmission to:
 - (a) the State c/o:

Principal Compliance Officer
Office of Racing Regulation
Level 4, 33 Charlotte Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000
Facsimile Number (07) 3234 1411;

(b) Queensland Racing c/o:

Chief Operations Manager
 Lot 2, Racecourse Road
 DEAGON, QLD 4017
 Facsimile Number (07) 3269 6715;

(c) Queensland Harness Racing c/o:

Chief Executive Officer
 3 Amy Street
 Breakfast Creek QLD 4010
 Facsimile Number (07) 3262 3674; and

(d) such other persons or addresses as each Party shall from time to time designate in writing to the other Parties.

7.2 If before 4.00 p.m. local time in the place of delivery, a Party delivers a notice:

(a) by hand; or

(b) by facsimile and the sending party completes the transmission;

the notice will be taken as given on the day of delivery of the transmission and in any other case on the next day.

7.3 If a Party gives the notice by post the notice will be taken as given on the second business day in the place of delivery after the notice is posted unless it can be established that the notice was not received until a subsequent date in which case that later date will be the date the notice was given.

7.4 If a Party gives notice by facsimile transmission and the transmission is not fully intelligible, or if the sending party, at the time of transmission, has reason to believe that the facsimile transmission is not fully intelligible, the party may not rely upon this clause to prove the giving of notice.

8. GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

8.1 The payments specified in the Agreement are inclusive of any GST.

8.2 The State is deemed to have requested Queensland Racing and/or Queensland Harness Racing to issue it with valid Tax Invoices at the time a Taxable Supply is made under the Agreement. Despite this Queensland Racing and/or Queensland Harness Racing must issue valid Tax Invoices to the State within fourteen (14) days from the date on which Queensland Racing and/or Queensland Harness Racing receive consideration from the State for a Taxable Supply.

8.3 If the amount of GST paid or payable by the State to Queensland Racing and/or Queensland Harness Racing under the Agreement differs for any reason from the amount of GST paid or payable by Queensland Racing and/or Queensland Harness Racing to the Commissioner of Taxation including by reason of:

(a) an amendment to the GST Law;

(b) the issue of or an alteration in a ruling or advice of the Commissioner of Taxation;

(c) a refund of GST to Queensland Racing and/or Queensland Harness Racing in respect of a relevant supply made under the Agreement; or

(d) a decision of any tribunal or court,

then:

(e) the difference in amounts will be paid by or to the State as the case may be; and

(f) Queensland Racing and/or Queensland Harness Racing must issue a corrected Tax Invoice to the State within fourteen (14) days of the amount being paid.

8.4 Where an Adjustment Event in relation to a Supply occurs, Queensland Racing and/or Queensland Harness Racing must provide an Adjustment Note to the State within fourteen (14) days after the Adjustment Event.

8.5 Queensland Racing and/or Queensland Harness Racing must itemise the amount of GST payable by the State in any invoices issued for any Taxable Supply under this Agreement.

9. SEVERABILITY

9.1 The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement will not invalidate or render unenforceable the remaining provisions of this Agreement. Any illegal or invalid provision of this Agreement will be severable and all other provisions will remain in full force and effect.

10. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND VARIATIONS

10.1 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior communications negotiations arrangements whether oral or written.

10.2 This Agreement may not be amended except by the written agreement of each of the Parties.

11. GOVERNING LAW

11.1 This Agreement will in all respects be construed as an agreement made in the State of Queensland and be subject to the laws in force in that State. Each Party irrevocably and unconditionally submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Queensland and courts of appeal from them.

EXECUTED AS AN AGREEMENT

SIGNED by
the Treasurer
of the State of Queensland
for and on behalf of the State of Queensland
in the presence of:

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A Justice of the Peace or Commissioner for
Declarations *Anthony Andrew Beatty*

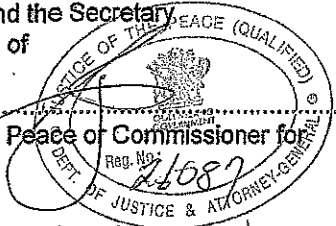


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Declarations *NORMAN ERIC TORPEL*

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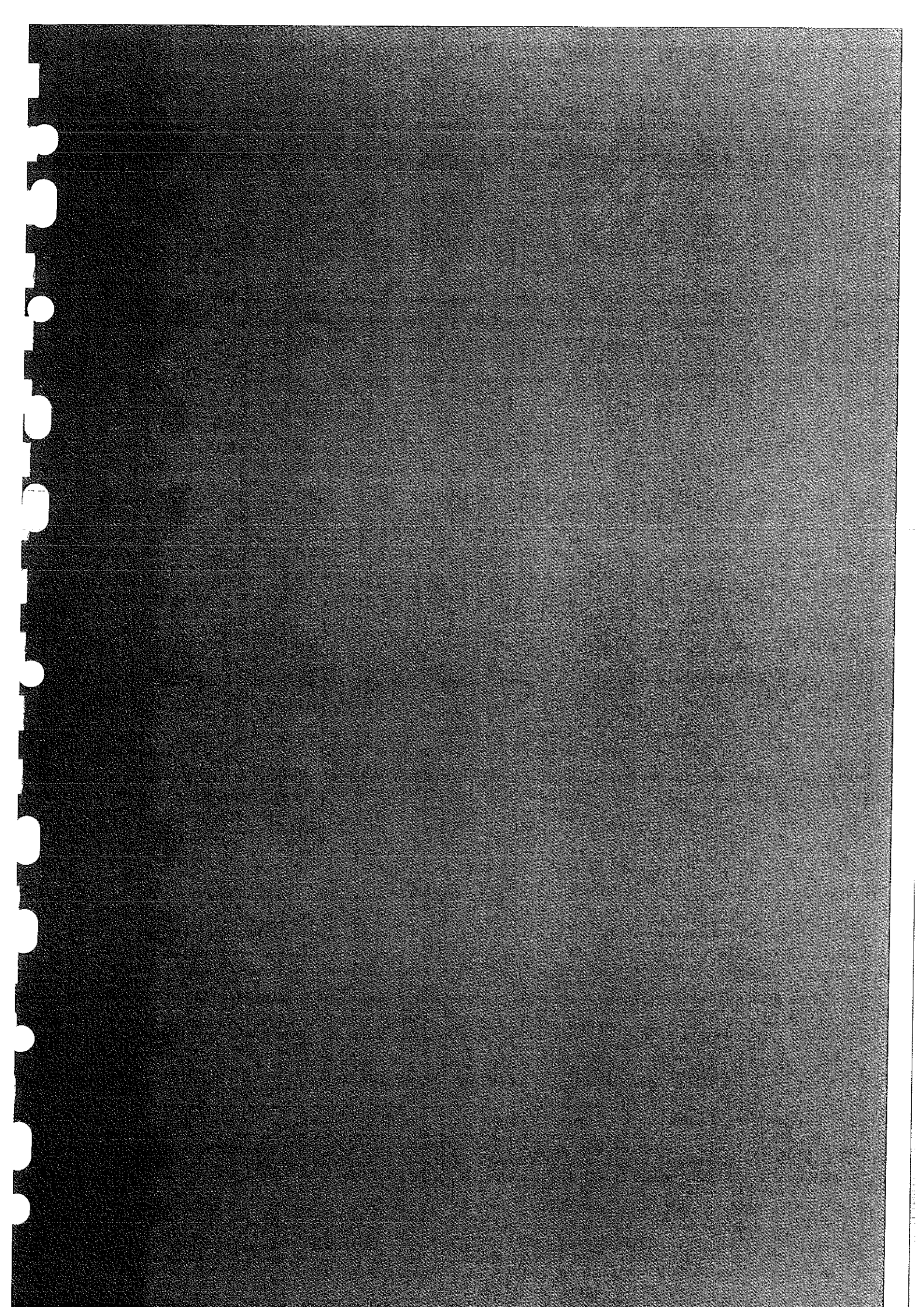
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SCHEDULE 1



QUEENSLAND RACING



OUTLINE OF MARKETING APPROACH Equine Influenza Marketing Initiative

Prepared by Queensland Racing Limited and Queensland Harness Racing
May 2008



OUTLINE OF MARKETING APPROACH

EQUINE INFLUENZA (EI) MARKETING INITIATIVE

Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to update the Queensland Government, in particular the Office of Racing's Executive Director, Mr Mike Kelly, in relation to the thoroughbred and harness proposals to undertake marketing initiatives to stimulate interest in both industries as they recover respectively from the August 2007 EI crisis.

Background:

During February 2008, Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) submitted a proposal to the Office of Racing outlining that the racing industry, both thoroughbred and harness, had suffered substantially since the outbreak of EI in August 2007.

From December 1, 2007, the racing program returned, however, it has taken considerable time to stimulate the racing market to regain momentum and regain the levels of participation that the industries had prior to the outbreak of EI. During the racing lockdown, as a result of EI, wagering continued on a limited basis, but the Queensland racing product suffered and has yet to recover to the levels experienced prior to EI.

Similarly, the oncourse revenue of race clubs has diminished and bookmakers have also been severely impacted as a result of flow on effects caused by the outbreak. The primary purpose of the EI Marketing Initiative is to help stimulate both the thoroughbred and harness industries to expedite what would otherwise be a slow recovery.

Approach:

Both the thoroughbred and harness Boards are taking slightly different approaches to the marketing initiative. From the \$650K available, 84% will be expended by the QRL Board on a marketing initiative while the remaining 16% will be expended by the Queensland Harness Racing Board on initiatives focused on the 2009 running of the Inter Dominion.

Thoroughbred Approach

The approach taken by the thoroughbred industry will be to drive increased levels of interest through a television and billboard marketing campaign. Attached to this paper, Appendix A, is a presentation prepared by Mitchells, which was presented to the QRL Board at its May 2, 2008, Board meeting.

The presentation is extremely detailed and considers a range of areas including target audience, capacity to reach the target audience, media plans, buying arrangements and remuneration, and the next steps proposed to be taken in relation to the campaign.

The presentation was endorsed by the QRL Board and as such, progress has been made in relation to the concepts that will populate the media campaign.

In addition to the television marketing campaign, a number of billboards will be established throughout the Brisbane and Gold Coast districts.

In terms of concepts, HarrisonNess has been engaged by QRL to develop the content for the television advertisements. The main concepts that are currently being focused on include, 'It's not fun, if you're not there'; 'Unforgettable Thrill'; 'You know why you go'; and 'There is nothing quite like racing'.

Attached as Appendix B to this document is an outline of each of these concepts that are currently under the consideration of QRL.

Harness Approach

The approach of the Harness Racing Queensland team (HRQT) is to focus on the 2009 running of the Inter Dominion.

This iconic event draws the attention of racing participants across the world. In support of this claim, included are a number of quotes that stretch from publications located in New Zealand to Victoria and to the United States of America.

First conducted for pacers in Perth in 1936, it is the event by which greatness is measured. The race for Inter Dominion glory has continued over many decades with each state of Australia and both islands of New Zealand playing host to the industry showcase on a rotational basis. It's soon to be Brisbane's turn to stage the three week extravaganza culminating in the pursuit of the ultimate prize, the 2009 Watpac Inter Dominion Pacing Championship Grand Final.

"The Inter Dominion, possibly because it tours the country, is the pinnacle with trainers and drivers as the industry fights with great endeavour to make their mark"

*NZ Press, Tuesday 4
March 2008*

And so begins the build up to harness racing's pinnacle event.....the 2009 Watpac Inter Dominion Pacing Championship in Brisbane.

The stage is set for Brisbane's own Black's A Fake and Natalie Rasmussen to win an unprecedented fourth Inter Dominion title in March 2009.

"The continuing story of a girl and her horse, can't but not set men and women alike to aspire to such sporting greatness"

Mandurah Mail, Wednesday 5 March 2008

"Never before has a woman dominated harness racing in Australia like Natalie Rasmussen. The Queenslanders is fast becoming the Gal Waterhouse of the sport"

*Daily Telegraph, Tuesday 4 March
2008*

"With Blacks A Fake, there is still a touch of Paleface Adios and Gammalite about his ability to return each year and be a star at the elite level. Bring on Albion Park, 2009"

*Adam Hamilton – Victorian, SA and Tas Harness Racer, April
2008*

"Interest now turns to whether Blackie can make it four-straight wins next year in his home town of Brisbane"

United States Trotting Association website, March 2008

"Queensland harness racing superstar, Blacks A Fake, had just returned to his stable after the race when a well wisher roared "He's the new Makybe Diva!"

Robert Craddock – Courier-Mail, Sunday 2 March 2008

HRQT, is determined to deliver the most robust promotional and event schedule witnessed in harness racing history, allocating over \$600,000 to ensure the events success.

Still 10-months away, an enviable stable of corporate, media and support partners have already been secured, while negotiations continue with international superstars from both on and off the track to ensure the event is truly internationalised.

Off the track, international supermodel, Brisbane girl and harness horse owner Kristy Hinze and renowned international superstar tenor, Brisbane boy and harness horse owner Rosario La Spina, are deep in negotiations to headline entertainment and social activities over the

three week period, while horse flesh from the USA and Canada are being pursued with gusto.

To assist with North American interest, winners of two historically significant feature races, The Graduate Series and Canadian Pacing Derby, will attract special bonus points for the race series. Connections of Mr Feelgood, winner of The Graduate Series, have received their invitation and are considering an assault on the Inter Dominion.

The appointment of international event ambassadors have been working closely with the connections of over 10 North American horses since March 2008 and a delegation from the HRQT will be on the ground in the USA and Canada during June to follow-up these initial approaches.

Already, event signage has been erected at each Queensland track as well as all Metropolitan harness venues across Australia and New Zealand.

Promotional advertising schedules are also under negotiation with billboard, Television (Free-to-air TV, PayTV, Bris 31), RADIO (RadioTAB, 4BC, FM Broadcaster) and metropolitan Newspapers (Courier-Mail, Sunday Mail, Quest newspapers, National Trotguide, Harness Racing Weekly and the Queensland Harness Racing magazine).

Interstate and international coverage has already been received in anticipation of the internationalised structure of the event and key media have been contacted in the important markets of New Zealand, Victoria, New South Wales and the USA to maximise editorial coverage.

Event collateral materials including the 2009 Watpac Inter Dominion Official Programme, Sponsor kits, Pre-event Registration Information, Social Event Guide, Facebooks, event and function ticketing are all progressing to relevant timelines and will be distributed throughout Australasia and the North America.

A tourism partnership with internationally celebrated Harness Racing Travelworld has also been struck to ensure visitors to Queensland and Brisbane are well catered for every step of the way. Bookings already top 300 for accommodation and dining packages.

In conjunction with Harness Racing Travelworld, an exciting social calendar inclusive of Official Welcome, Corporate Golf Day, Barrier Draw, Calcutta and Chairman's Luncheon complements a tour itinerary taking in the best of Queensland from the Gold Coast to Noosa.

Timing:***Thoroughbreds***

In terms of timing, the media campaign is scheduled to commence in early October 2008, and will feature coverage across Queensland.

There will be a South East Queensland focus for a section of the campaign which will highlight meetings as we lead into the highly successful Summer Facing Carnival, whilst at the same time, the thoroughbred industry will establish extensive reach in to regional areas allowing us the capability to champion Country Racing at a key time of the year.

Attached as Appendix C, is an updated outline of the timing of the television advertising campaign, along with associated costs.

Harness

The 2009 Inter Dominion featured over a three week carnival, commences on March 14, 2009. Features over the three week carnival include:

- 2009 Watpac Inter Dominion Pacing Championship Grand Final
- 2009 Watpac Inter Dominion Pacing Championship Heats over two exciting nights
- 2009 Australian Pacing Gold 3yo Championship – Colts & Geldings
- 2009 Australian Pacing Gold 3yo Championship – Fillies
- 2009 Queensland Oaks
- 2009 Queensland Derby
- 2009 Australasian Young Drivers Championship

The billboards, television, radio and newspaper advertisements are due to commence during December, 2008.

Budget:

Attached as Appendix D, is a budget confirming the thoroughbred and harness expenditure as outlined above in this document.

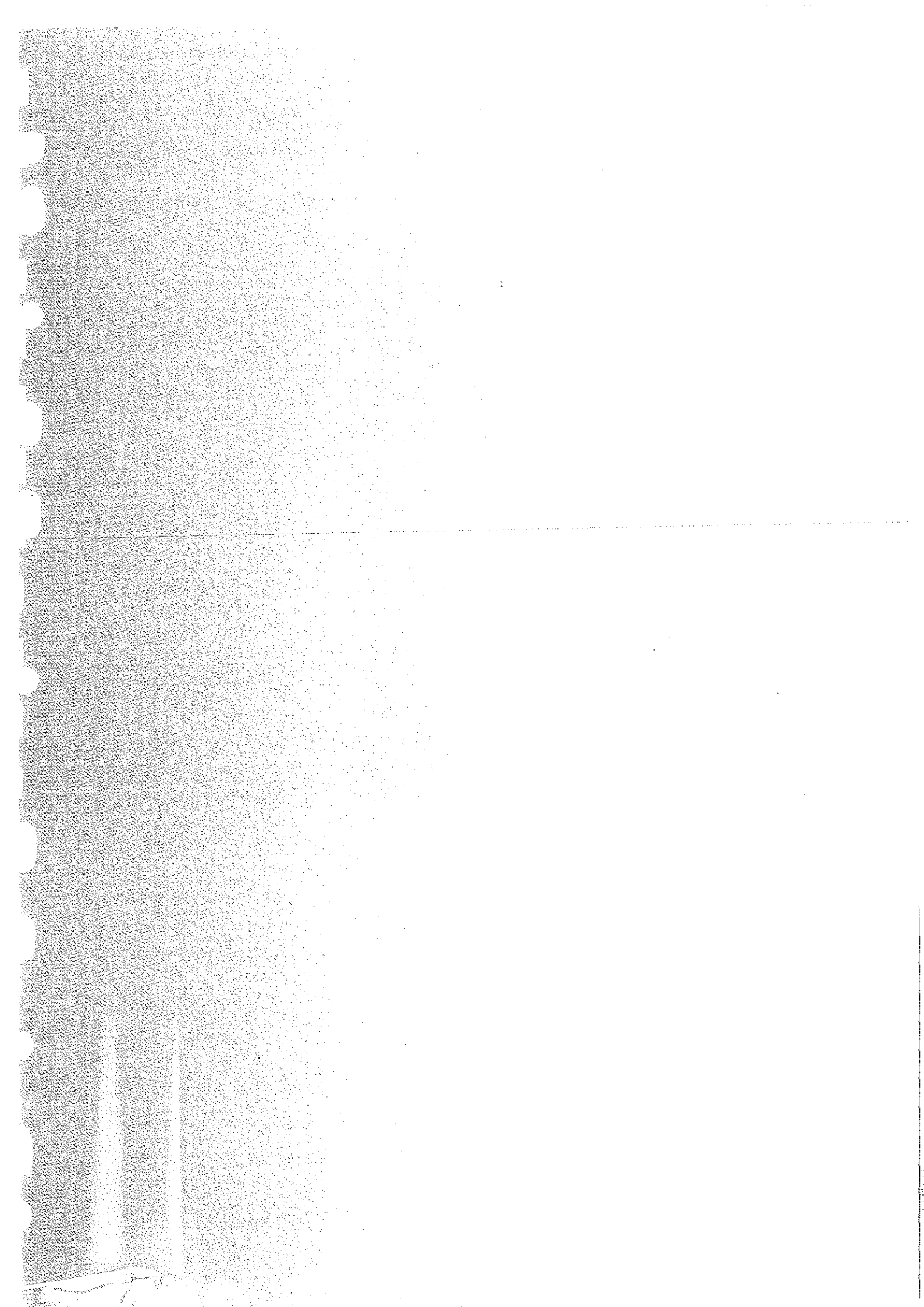
Summary:

The approach taken by both the thoroughbred and harness industries has been strategically considered to stimulate interest and participation at key times of the year. In both instances, significant carnivals are championed with the Summer Carnival from a thoroughbred standpoint, being the backbone of the television advertising campaign and from a harness standpoint the 2009 Inter Dominion forms the hub of the marketing initiative.

Reach in to regional areas will also be achieved as a result of the advertising campaign proposed by the QRL Board.

Whilst both campaigns have a uniqueness about them, they will no doubt lead to heightened interest that will create increased participation within both these industries that were so significantly impacted as a result of the E1 crisis.

If any further information is required in relation to either campaign, please feel free to contact Mr Tony Hanmer, QRL Board Director, on 0411 193 582 or Mr Andrew Kelly, Chief Executive Officer of QHRB on 0409 966 455.



APPENDIX

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Media Considerations

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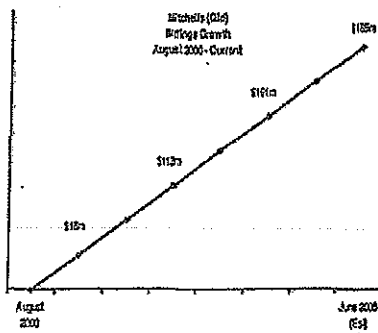
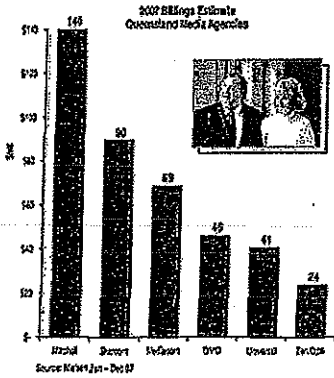
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About Mitchells



Locally

- Queensland's most successful media agency
- Established August 2000 by Teena in partnership with Harold Mitchell
- Teena - former MD AIS/Starcom Brisbane for 16 years
- Mitchells the new No. 1 in QLD > 30% market share
- Consistent track record over 8 years



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About Mitchells



Locally

- An envied client list - more national brands than any other local agency

September 2000	September 2000	September 2000	September 2000	October 2000	February 2001	March 2001
June 2001	June 2002	July 2002	September 2002	October 2002	November 2002	August 2003
August 2003	March 2004	October 2004	January 2005	January 2005	July 2005	September 2005
February 2006	February 2006	March 2006	March 2006	March 2006	March 2006	March 2006
May 2005	June 2005	June 2005	October 2005	January 2007	March 2007	April 2007
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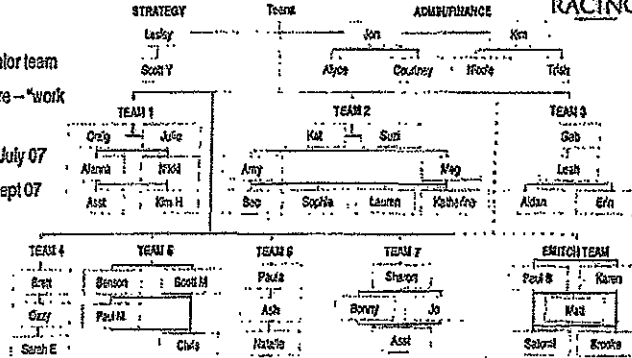
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About Mitchells



Locally

- 40 staff – stable senior team
- Strong people culture – “work hard/have fun”
- Gold Coast Office - July 07
- emitch Brisbane – Sept 07



Senior Team

• 20+ years experience • 7 years at Mitchells	• 14 years experience • 5 years at Mitchells	• 25 years experience • 3 years at Mitchells	• 7 years experience • 5 years at Mitchells	• 4 years experience • 4 years at Mitchells	• 18 years experience • 2 years at Mitchells	• 30+ years experience • 7 years at Mitchells

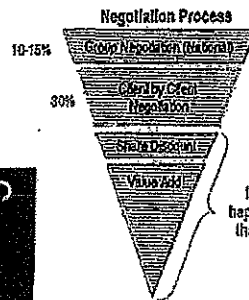


About Mitchells



Nationally

- No 1 in Australia
- All major buyers enjoy similar base rates
- Mitchells have discounts with all media, not just TV
- Allows all clients to benefit from their collective media spend
- ... but what really counts is what we do locally with every buy!

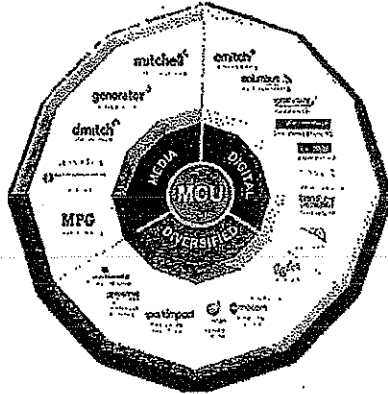



About Mitchells



Nationally

- Mitchell Communications Group Limited (ASX : MCL)
- Offers fully integrated communications solutions
- Focus on strategy and innovation – media neutrality
- Online and offline media buying



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Target Audience



Definition

Filter applied to Morgan Research database

*...went to a Race Track in last 3 months**

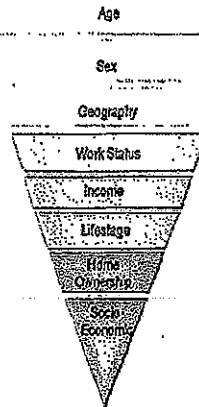
Queensland Potential: 128,000

4% of population

*October 2006 to September 2007

(Oct 07 - Dec 07 data not used given impact of Equine Influenza on Race Track visitation)

Queensland Residents visited
Race Track in last 3 months

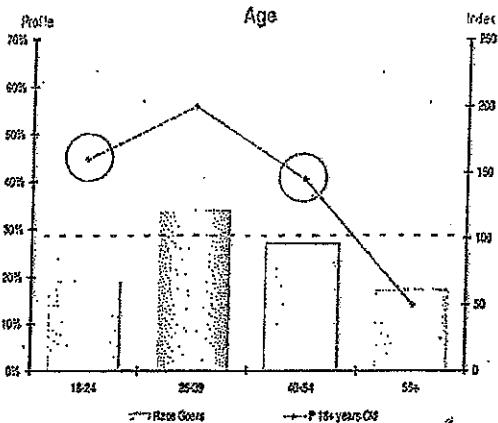
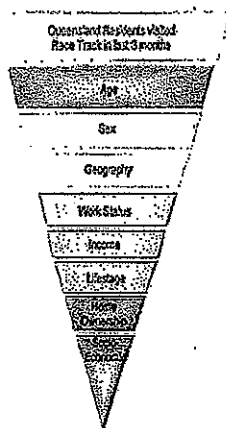


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Race Goer

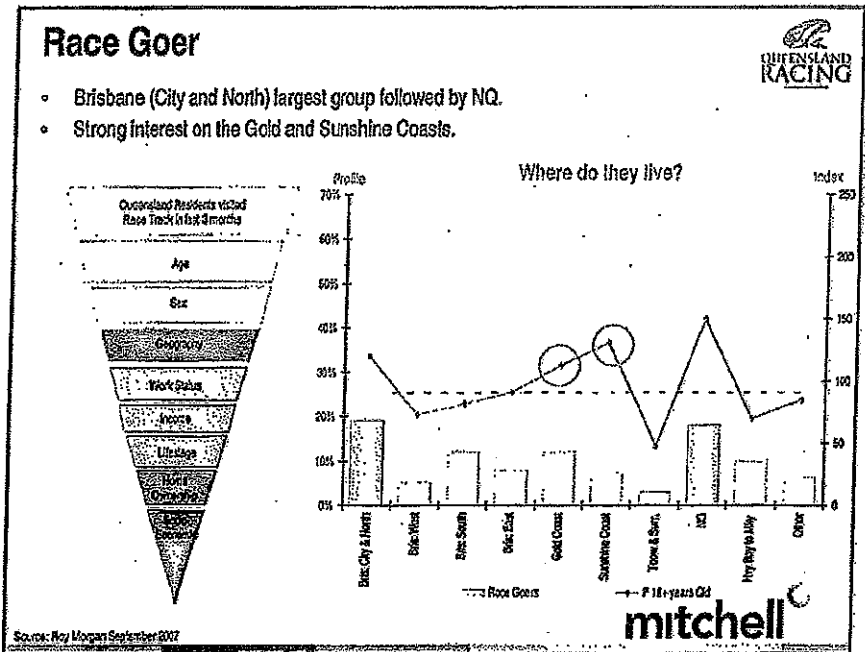
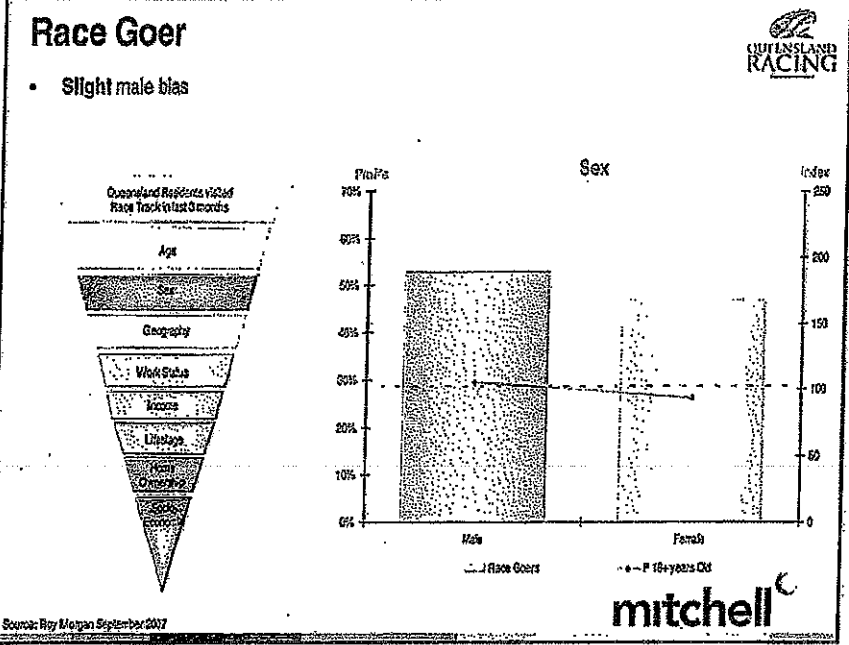


- Largest group = P 25 - 39
- High propensity amongst 18 - 24's and 40 - 54's



Source: Roy Morgan September 2007

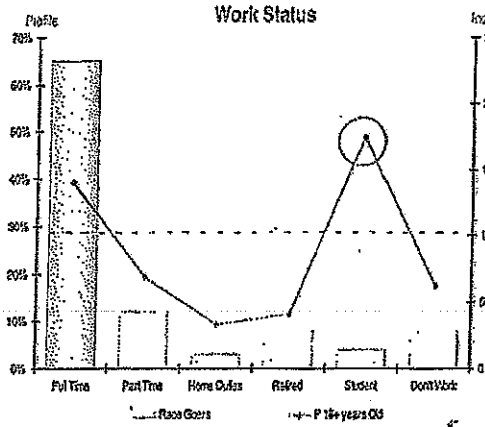
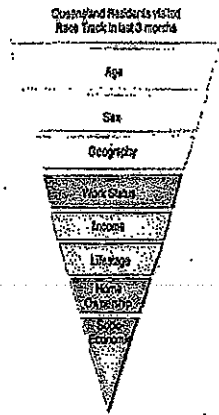
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Race Goer



- Most likely to be full time workers.
- Student groups?



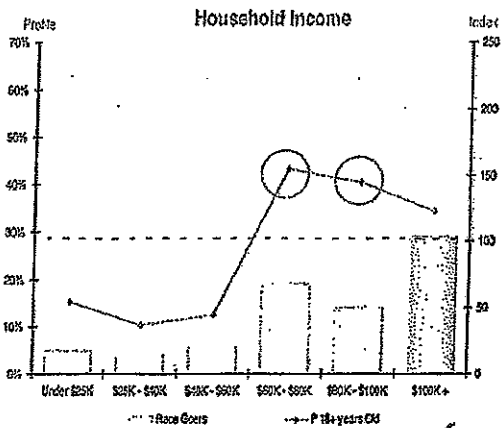
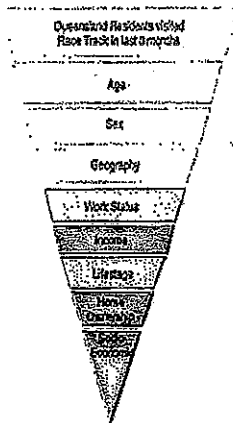
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Race Goer



- Average Household Income \$95,000 – 28% higher than State average of \$74,000



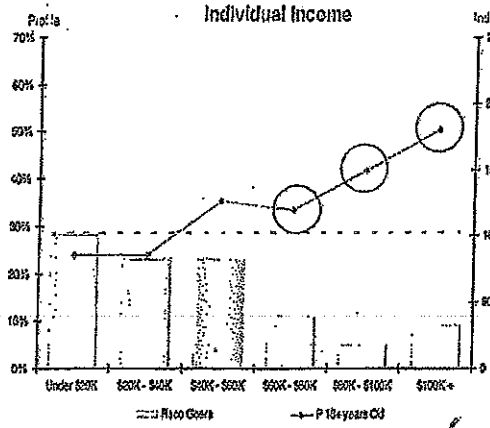
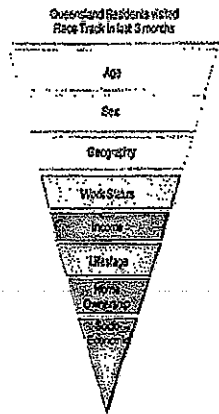
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- Average Personal Income \$47,000 – 24% higher than State average of \$38,000



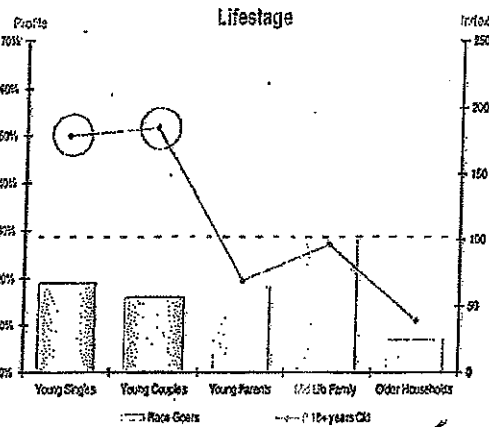
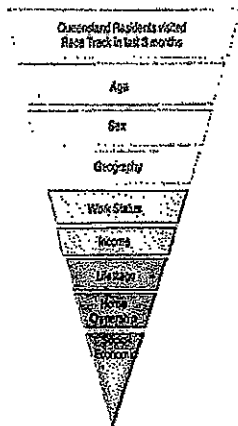
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- Young singles and couples (combined) make up the largest group



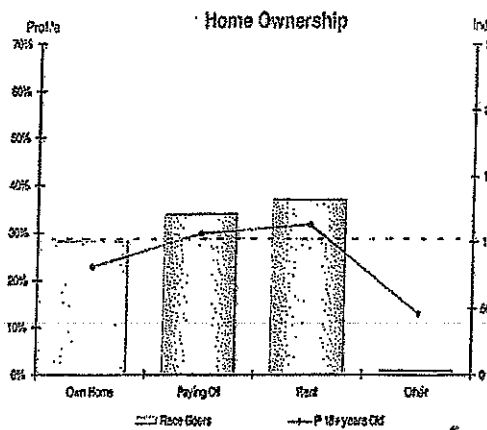
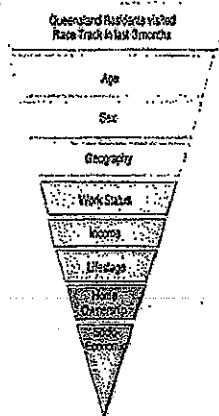
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- ...more likely to be paying off or renting their house.



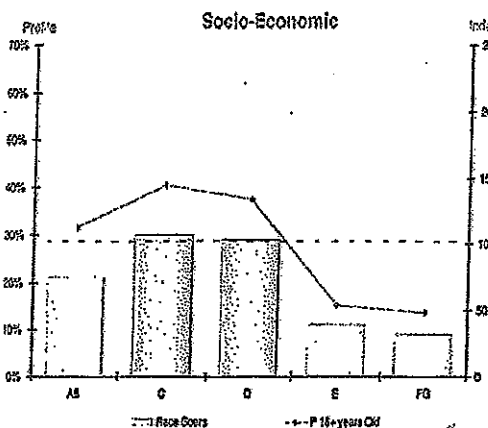
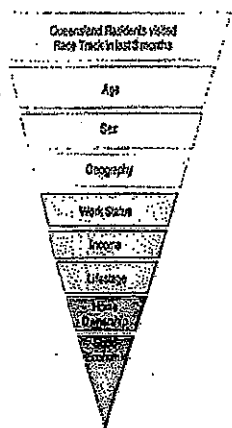
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- Skew to C and D socio-economic groups.



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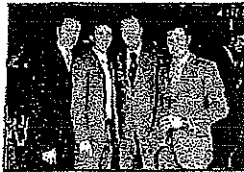


Target Audience: Race Goer



Summary

- Biggest Group = 25-39 year olds
- Average Age = 39 years (vs. State average of 44 years)
- Work full time with a higher than average income of \$47,000 (vs. State average \$38,000)
- Renting or paying off their home
- Most likely to be young singles and young couples
- Strong secondary target of P40-54 years



- Frequently place bets at the TAB
- Enjoy going out to night clubs, pubs and restaurants to eat and drink
- Often go to the casino
- Play pool / snooker / billiards

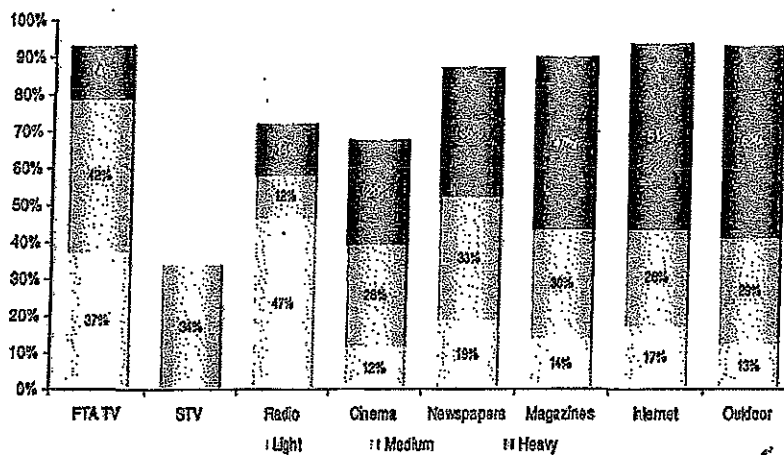
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Source: Roy Morgan September 2007

Reaching Race Goers



- Heavy media consumers – in particular TV, Internet and Outdoor.



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Source: Roy Morgan September 2007

Reaching Race Goers



Television: FTA

- Tend to be light TV viewers
- No bias to any Network
- High crossover between the three Groups



Race Goers



P 25 - 39



P 40 - 54

	Peak	Off Peak	Peak	Off Peak	Peak	Off Peak	
8: News (M-F)	26%	7: D of NDed	18%	10: House	24%	7: Sunrise	20%
7: News (M-F)	26%	7: Sunrise	14%	7: Eat	24%	7: D of NDed	18%
7: Kath & Kim	24%	7: Creek to Coast	12%	5: Highbusters	24%	10: News (M-F)	16%
9: CSI	21%	7: Great S.E.	12%	7: K&K & Kim	23%	7: News (S&S)	25%
10: Rove	21%	7: MASH	12%	10: Simpsons	22%	7: MASH	11%
10: TGYH	20%	7: Qd Weekend	11%	9: CSI	22%	7: V8 SC	10%
9: CSI: Miami	18%	10: News (M-F)	11%	10: TGYH	21%	10: House	21%
9: 60 Minutes	17%	7: American Dad!	10%	7: News (M-F)	21%	9: 60 Minutes	20%
10: Simpsons	16%	7: V8 Supercars	10%	10: NCIS	20%	10: L&O: CI	20%
7: Prison Br	16%	10: World Rally Ch	10%	9: News (M-F)	19%	9: CSI: Miami	19%

Source: Ray Morgan September 2007

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Reaching Race Goers



Television: Subscription

- Sport Channels deliver strong viewing across all targets
- High duplication amongst all Groups
- STV not available to purchase on a State only basis



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P 40 - 54

Fox Sports 1	30%	Discovery Channel	13%	Discovery Channel	13%
Fox Sports 2	20%	Fox 8	13%	Fox Sports 1	12%
Fox 8	19%	National Geographic	10%	Fox Sports 2	11%
Fox Sports 3	19%	Fox Sports 1	10%	Showtime	11%
Discovery Channel	16%	Movie One	9%	National Geographic	11%
Fox Sports News	19%	Fox Sports 2	8%	Movie One	10%
Movie One	16%	Showtime	8%	Fox 8	10%
MTV	16%	Animal Planet	8%	Showtime 2	9%
Movie Greats	16%	Channel [V]	8%	Movie Greats	9%
National Geographic	14%	Movie Extra	8%	Movie Extra	9%

Source: Ray Morgan September 2007

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Reaching Race Goers



Radio

- Triple M delivers strong crossover



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	000's		000's		000's
Nova 106.9	17	Nova 106.9	84	Triple M	58
Triple M	10	Triple M	68	97.3 FM	61
97.3 FM	7	97.3 FM	57	4KQ	49
B105FM	5	B105FM	53	Nova 106.9	30

Source: Roy Morgan September 2007

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Reaching Race Goers



Newspapers

- Sunday Mail provides high Reach across all Targets



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Sunday Mail	65%	Sunday Mail	35%	Sunday Mail	46%
Courier Mail (Sat)	43%	Courier Mail (Sat)	25%	Courier Mail (Sat)	29%
Courier Mail (M-F)	26%	Courier Mail (M-F)	15%	Courier Mail (M-F)	21%
Weekend Australian	6%	Weekend Australian	6%	Weekend Australian	8%
The Australian (M-F)	6%	The Australian (M-F)	3%	The Australian (M-F)	4%

Source: Roy Morgan September 2007

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Reaching Race Goers



Online

- Search and Travel sites dominate

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Reaching Race Goers



Conclusion

- 'Race Goers' are very active with a wide range of media usage
- While TV viewing amongst this group tends to be light, Television still provides the best opportunity for immediate cut through (across the Primary and Secondary target markets) in a dynamic, visual and entertaining environment
- Press, while offering high Reach, has not been considered for this campaign – too 'one dimensional'
- Internet can potentially replace Press as a support medium and complements TV by providing a more dynamic environment with higher impact
- Radio forms a part of the target's daily media usage and could provide a timely reminder closer to Race Day
- Ideally, Outdoor (large format) would also form part of the media mix to reach this market while they are 'out and about'



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Media Plan



Objective

- Drive Club and Race Track visitation
- Be seen to be providing support to Clubs post the Equine Influenza epidemic

Timing: June – August 2009

Budget

Total: \$550,000
Production (Est): \$100,000
MEDIA: \$450,000

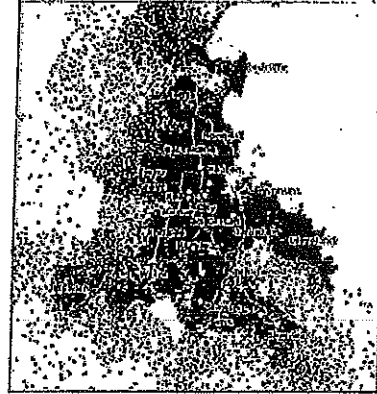
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Media Plan



Outdoor

- We can target
- Simple, high impact message



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Buying Arrangements and Remuneration



- Given Queensland Government's funding of this campaign, Queensland Racing should be eligible to access the QGovt's Master Media Arrangement currently managed by Mediacom.
- Through its bulk buying arrangement, the Queensland Government enjoys media rate savings of up to 30%. (Note: TV costs detailed on Media Plan are based on QGovt rates).
- A fee of 2.5% on the gross media cost is levied by Mediacom.
- It is proposed that the media buying (Mediacom) and media strategy/planning (Mitchells) functions be fully funded from the 10% media commission payable, i.e. 2.5% Mediacom; 7.5% Mitchells
- In addition, Mitchells will provide a coordination service between Queensland Racing, Mediacom and the Creative Agency to ensure all deadlines are met and all parties fully briefed on expectations.
- A post analysis report will be prepared on completion of the campaign.

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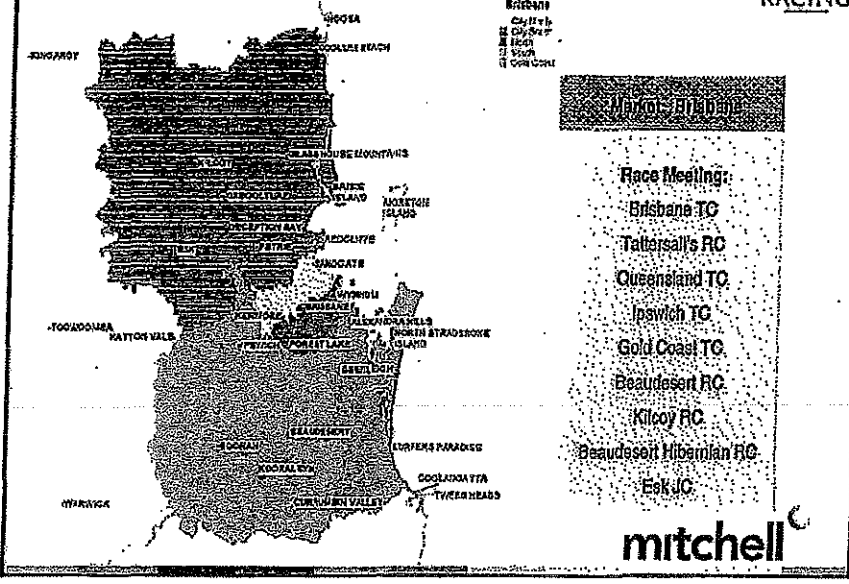
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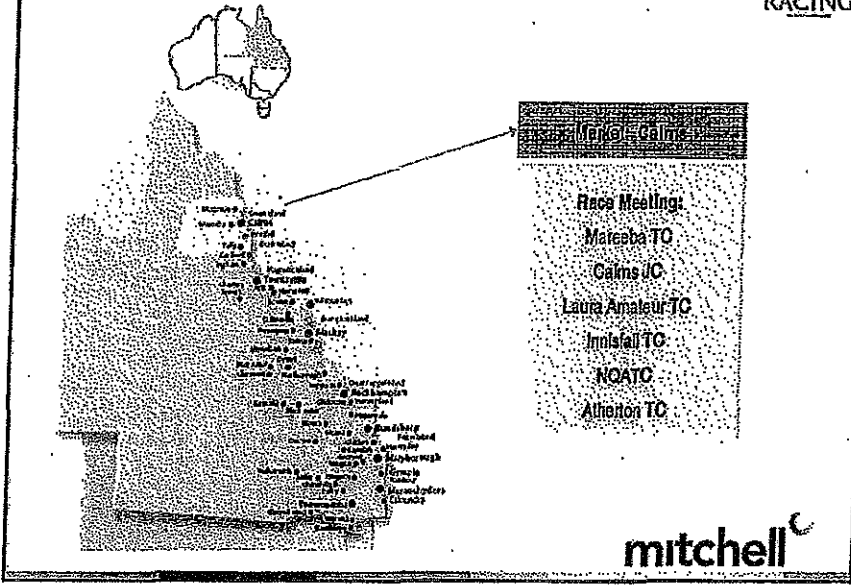
- Media Plan (as outlined herein) to be approved ASAP
- Demand for TV airtime is anticipated to be strong, with the Beijing Olympics adding further pressure on TV station inventory.
- Best value TV buy will be achieved with a lead time of 6 weeks prior to on-air, i.e. now!
- Similar lead time applies to Outdoor with site availability continually reducing in the lead up to campaign commencement.
- Once approved, media negotiations will commence and a final buy plan presented once all airtime/sites have been secured.

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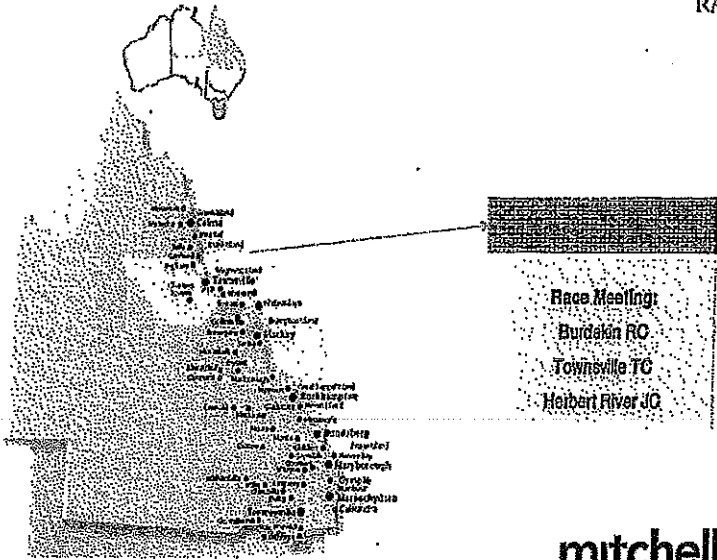
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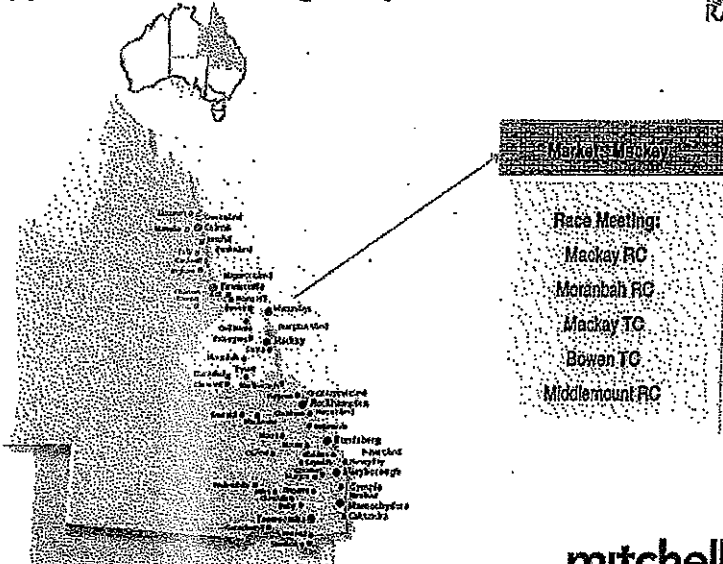


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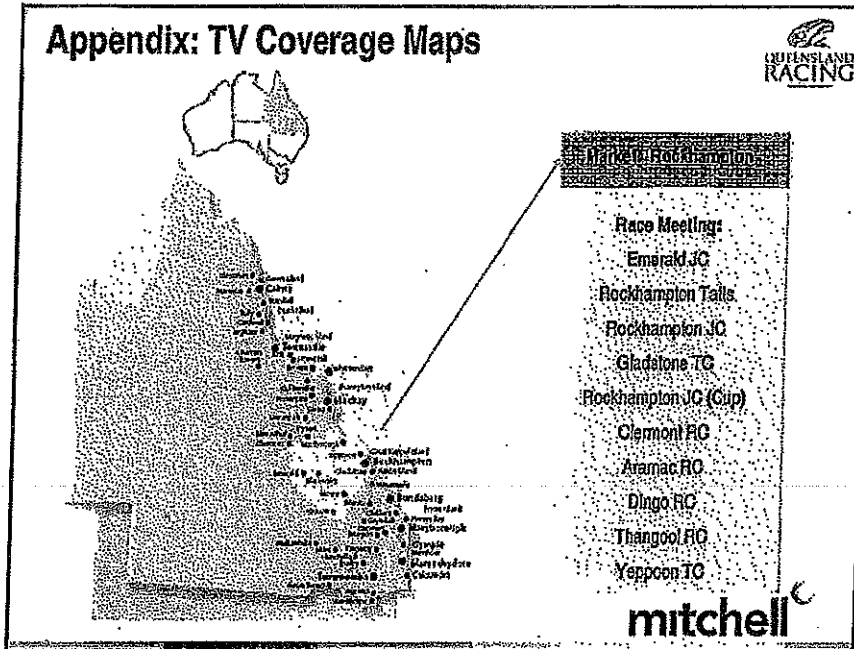
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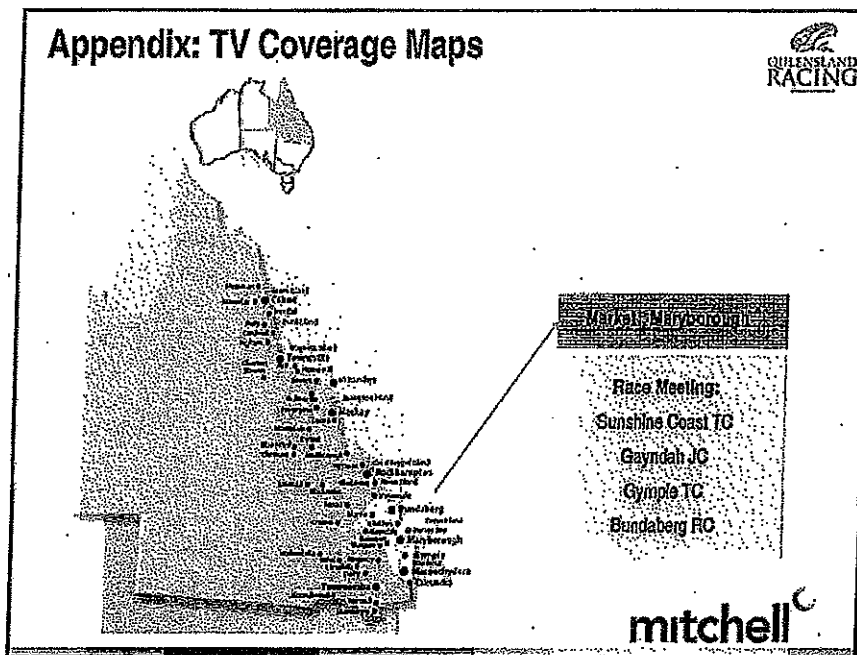


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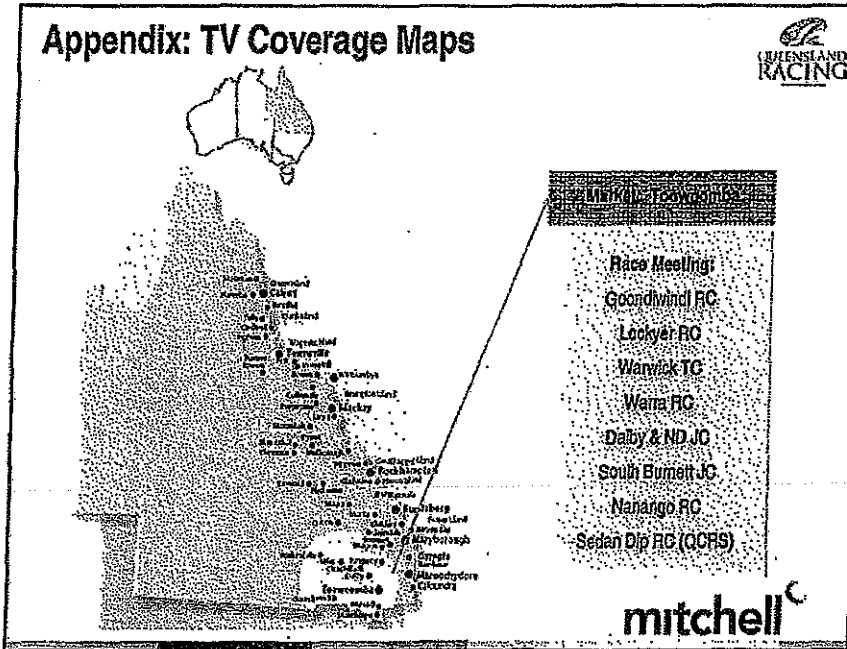
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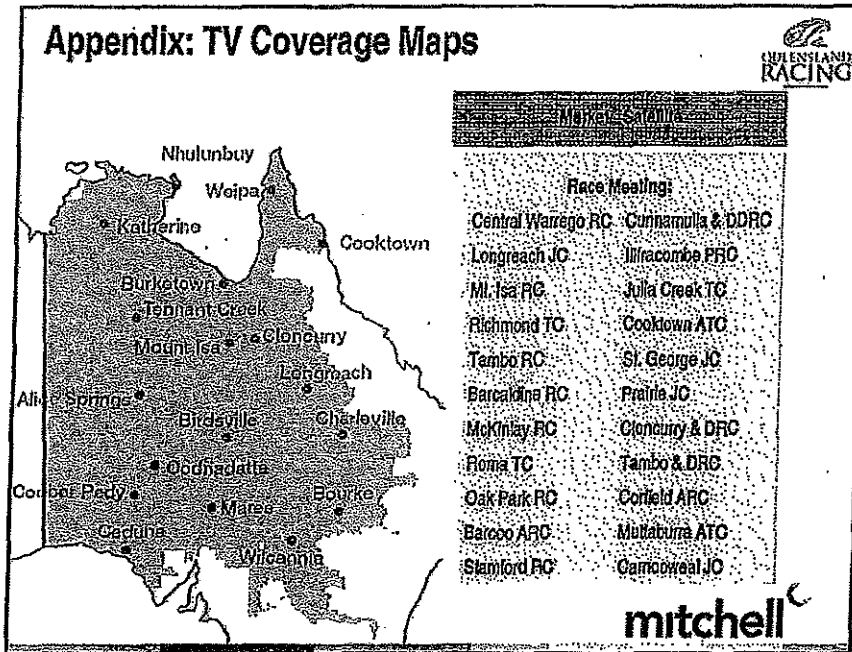
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BRIEFING NOTE

FROM	Treasury		
FOR	Treasurer's Office		
SUBJECT	Equine Influenza – Employment Assistance Program		
Contact Officer:	Mike Kelly, Office of Racing, 3234 1376	Record No: TRX-02429	Date: 8 October 2007
Requested by:	N/A	Date Approval Required By: N/A	

PURPOSE

1. To provide an update on the development of an Equine Influenza Employment Assistance Program and seek approval for a notional allocation of the funds available.

BACKGROUND

2. As a result of actions arising from the CEO Equine Influenza (EI) Group meeting, a meeting was organised between Government agencies involved in the EI response and equine sector organisations represented by:
 - Queensland Racing Limited;
 - the Queensland Harness Racing Board;
 - the Queensland Horse Council Inc; and
 - the Thoroughbred Breeders' Queensland Association (did not attend).
3. The aim of this meeting was to receive industry feedback and opinions to allow the finalisation of an EI Employment Assistance program (the program). The program specifically relates to the \$5M funding initiative approved to assist employment retention initiatives within the Queensland equine industry during the EI outbreak.
4. The program will be aimed at identifying short-term work placement opportunities for equine industry workers displaced from their normal employment as a result of the EI outbreak and will allow for these persons to be engaged to undertake work for racing control bodies, race clubs, and other equine sector organisations that require short-term labour.
5. The work placement program will be delivered under the *Skilling Queenslanders for Work* program.

ISSUES

6. The approach, agreed between all participants, was that the program should be developed by Government, with industry input, and delivered by the equine industry.
7. The draft program guidelines initially developed by the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations are being reviewed in accordance with industry feedback. A copy of the current draft is attached for information.
8. To be eligible for assistance under the program an individual must be able to demonstrate that they derived the majority of their income from an occupation directly associated with the equine industry at the outbreak of EI. They must also be able to demonstrate that as a result of EI they are no longer able to work in their former occupation. This would restrict access to the program to individuals previously employed within the South East Queensland "Red Zone" as defined by the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries.

Projects

9. Eligible persons will be employed to undertake 'projects' approved under the program. Projects will be identified by the equine industry and include refurbishing facilities on public or community land (e.g. showground facilities, race clubs, pony clubs, etc) and basic, associated construction work. As far as is practicable, projects will have some affiliation with the industry whether in terms of the location of the project (local race track, pony club, etc) or the type of skills that would be of benefit to the industry (i.e. general labouring).
10. It is anticipated that one of the projects to be supported – subject to further discussion with the Queensland Horse Council – will be to provide a support person to assist the Horse Council in the communications with the non-racing horse industry.
11. It is not intended that projects would provide participants with skills that would encourage them to leave the equine industry.

Uptake

12. While two private employment agencies (Skilled Workforce Services and Workforce International) are currently providing limited assistance to persons displaced by EI, it is expected there will be industry employees that do not have the core-skills required by these organisations.
13. While the equine industry is unable to provide any guidance on the potential uptake of the program, initial estimates put the number of places likely to be required at 200. Note that the key industry bodies (eg Queensland Racing) already hold lists of persons who have registered with them.

Agreed actions

14. An initial group of equine industry personnel (approximately six) currently unemployed as a result of the EI outbreak will be identified by the equine industry representatives and engaged to coordinate the delivery of the program.
15. The people engaged will be accommodated at the Albion Park facility and will administer the program from that location. This group will be trained in the operation and delivery of the program and will be responsible for identifying race clubs and horse industry organisations that are able to utilise short-term unemployed persons from the equine sector for project work at those facilities.
16. It is also expected that racing industry control bodies will employ people under the program to assist in the second stage of the EI vaccination program and ongoing biosecurity management within defined racing precincts.

Costs

17. While the eventual cost of the scheme will depend on the number of eligible persons; and the scope and duration of projects, expectations are that the \$5 million set aside, supplemented by funds held by Queensland Events towards racing industry carnival marketing support, for employment retention will be broadly allocated as follows:

- Work placement projects \$3.100m
(200 places at approximately \$14,000 per placement plus 6 recovery coordinators at \$50,000)


- Vaccination acceleration subsidy (Based on \$50 subsidy per vaccination) \$1.330m
 - Thoroughbreds \$0.400m
 - Brood mares \$0.300m
 - Yearlings \$0.200m
 - Harness \$0.230m
 - Non-racing \$0.200m
- Racing Carnival marketing support \$0.650m
 - Thoroughbreds \$0.500m
 - Harness \$0.150m
- Greyhound Racing support (Including additional marketing activity) \$0.250m

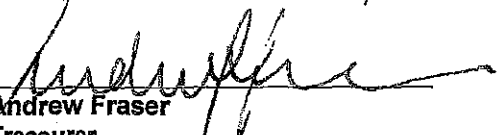
18. Note, however, \$1.330m is sought by the racing industry to accelerate the vaccination program on the basis that this will accelerate the return to racing and hence reduce the length of time that work placement projects will be required. These funds will form part of the amount claimed under the industry/Government cost sharing and, if that is successful, will increase the pool available for employment assistance projects.


RECOMMENDATION

That you:

- Note the update on the Equine Influenza – Employment Assistance Package.
- Approve the allocation of funds set out in paragraph 17 above.


 Gerard Bradley
 Under Treasurer Date 9/10/07

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Noted
Treasurer's Comments		
Subject to discussion with QTC & BTC regarding Winter Racing Carnival.		
 Andrew Fraser Treasurer 11/10/07		

Name	Action Officer/Author	Director	(Initials)	ED/AUT	(Initials)	DU	(Initials)
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Date	8 October 2007	/10 /07		/ /			09/10/07

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Queensland Government Equine Influenza Commercial Horse Industry Assistance Package

Working DRAFT still being discussed and developed with the Horse Industry

Equine Influenza Industry Employment Response

As at 26 September 2007 there were 420 properties in Queensland infected with Equine Influenza. These properties include Albion Park and the Hendra Deagon race course precincts.

Based on 2006 Census data, 3,261 persons in Queensland consider that they are employed in a horse related occupation. This figure comprises a range of occupations that are not specifically aligned to the horse racing industry, the most notable being 1,382 Veterinarians.

On 29 September 2007 CBRC approved a \$20 million package of measures specifically designed to assist Queenslanders who are facing hardship as a result of the outbreak of Equine Influenza. The package includes a \$5 million program to assist the Queensland equine industry in transitioning during the crisis and recovery after the crisis ends. This will include a major marketing and advertising campaign in support of Racing Carnivals.

DEIR Work Placement Proposal

Approximately \$3.1 million will be required from the \$5 million racing recovery component to fund Work Placement and Recovery Coordinator initiatives under *Skilling Queenslanders for Work*.

It is anticipated that this scheme would employ 6 Recovery Coordinators for a period of 6 months to work with industry (desirably these coordinators will come from the affected persons within the industry). The role of the Recovery Coordinators will be to identify worthwhile Work Placement projects to be undertaken and to identify eligible former workers to participate in the program. The Program is expected to assist approximately 200 unemployed persons at gain meaningful work within the industry at approximately \$14,000 per place

Eligibility

Organisations

Under *Skilling Queenslanders for Work* organisations eligible for funding include:

- community based not-for-profit organisations
- local government authorities
- not-for-profit education and training providers
- unions, industry and employer bodies (this could include Queensland Racing Bodies)

Employment and Indigenous Initiatives will work with the above organisations to develop proposals to provide short term employment up until the end of February 2008 for workers associated with the racing industry who can demonstrate that they have suffered a loss of income as a result of Equine Influenza.

Individuals

To be eligible for assistance under this scheme an individual must be able to demonstrate that they derived the majority of their income from an occupation directly associated with the equine industry at the outbreak of Equine Influenza. They must also be able to demonstrate that as a result of EI they are no longer able to work in their former occupation. The geographic area covered by this proposal is restricted to the South East Queensland "Red Zone" as defined by the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries.

Projects

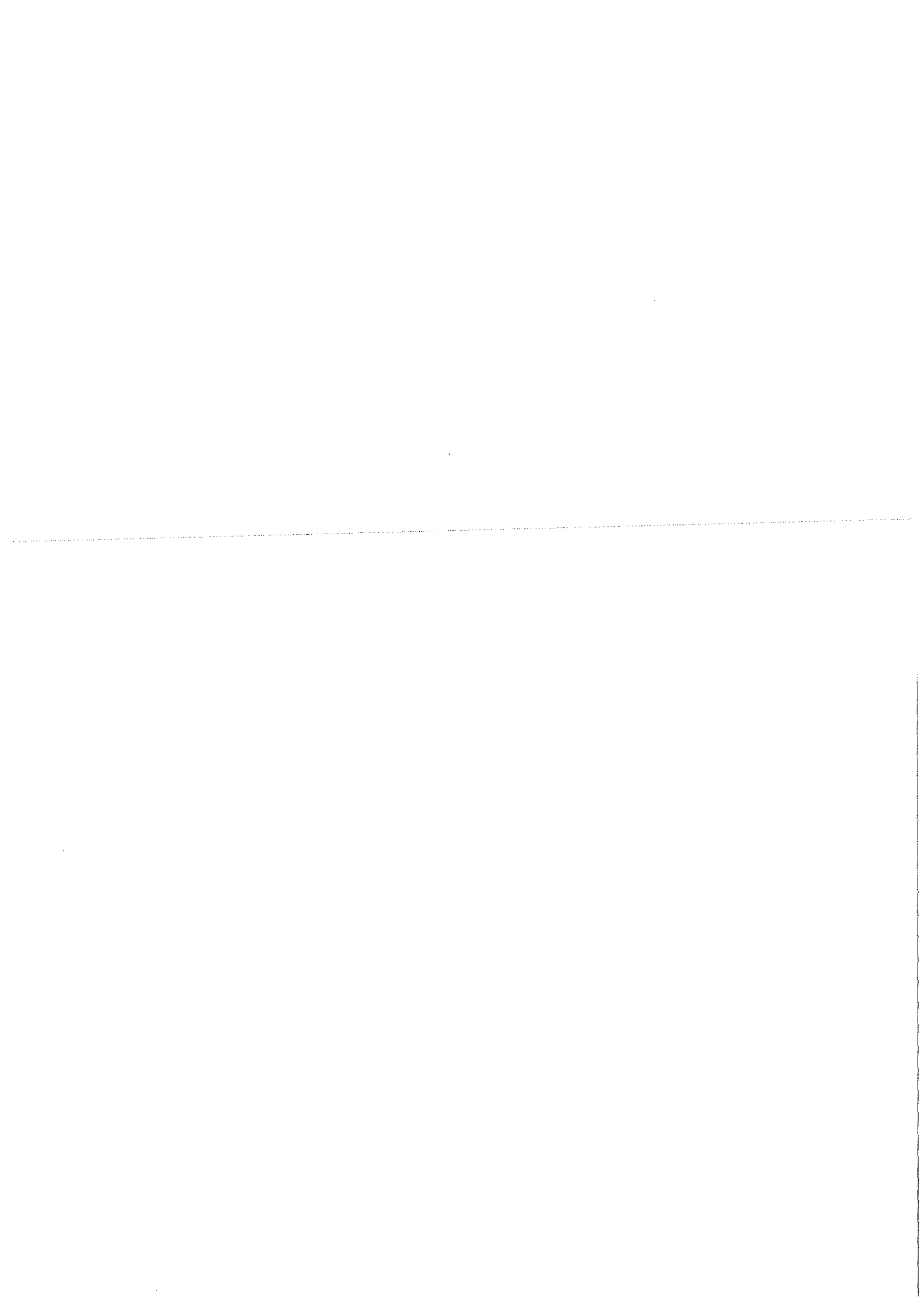
Projects approved under this scheme will include refurbishing facilities on public or community land, e.g. some showground facilities, beautification, landscaping around the race club grounds and basic construction work. As far as practicable projects will have some affiliation with the racing industry whether in terms of the location of the project (local race track) or the type of skills that would be of benefit to the industry (ie general labouring). It is not intended that projects would provide participants with skills that would encourage them to leave the racing industry.

Uptake

Two private employment agencies, Skilled Workforce Services and Workforce International, both of which specialise in the recruitment of casual labour, will be working with affected workers in the Brisbane and Gold Coast areas. It is expected that many workers seeking alternative short employment will take advantage of job offers from these organisations. However there may be pockets within the declared Red Zone where casual employment is not available. It is these areas where Work Placement opportunities will be of greatest benefit. While it is far too early to predict the demand initial estimates put the number of places likely to be required at 200.

Based on previous experience with the Cyclone Larry Work Placement activity it is estimated that each placement would average approximately \$14,000. The anticipated cost of employing 6 Recovery Coordinators for a period of 6 months would be \$300,000 based on the Cyclone Larry experience. On this basis the total cost of the initiative would be approximately \$3.1 million.

DETA is interested in following up training opportunities with the industry.



PERRETT Carol

From: KELLY Mike
Sent: Tuesday, 9 October 2007 11:32 AM
To: 'Andrew Kelly'
Cc: ahedges@queenslandracing.com.au; 'info@qldhorsecouncil.com'; 'Arrol, Sandra'; PERRETT Carol; PATERSON John; DUFF Michael
Subject: FW: Equine Assistance package - progress
Importance: High

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Andrew - seeing the coordinators will be accommodated at Albion Park and you will no doubt incur admin costs with them being there, it seems to make sense that the grant allocation be provided to the QHRB as below. If ok with you I will proceed with DEIR on that basis.

MK

-----Original Message-----

From: Arrol, Sandra [mailto:Sandra.Arrol@deir.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 9 October 2007 11:21 AM
To: KELLY Mike; Moroney, John
Subject: Equine Assistance package - progress
Importance: High

Mike hi,

Further to our recent discussion,....

John and his team are completing as much as they can from the information known an application for the employment of the six coordinators. This will help get them on board faster. This should be ready for you to look at tomorrow morning so John will email it to you..

As we discussed it would be practical and logical to have one of the three organisations take overall responsibility for this grant, rather than having to have three separate grants being administered.

The way we will pay the money is in the form of a grant which would reasonably include the following type of costs:

Coordinator wages;
On costs (including Superannuation);
Some travel/transport costs, as it is assumed these people will travel all over the Red Zone; Some administration costs incurred by Qld Racing for having these six people on their premises.

The timeframe for the grant would cover at least four months until the end of February. Also there might be an extra couple of weeks (for October) if the organisations can employ the people in the next week or so. I am following up on what type of award the coordinators were paid when we were involved in Cyclone Larry.

As a suggestion, once the draft application has gone to you and the organisations, and the lead organisation has been identified, perhaps John Moroney can meet with them and you to finalise the costs that they think they will incur.

In terms of payment.....DEIR will make two payments, the first being 80% which will be paid when the Memorandum of Agreement is signed by the organisation that is taking charge of the money and DEIR The second payment of 20% would be paid once the organisation has acquitted 80% of the first payment.

I hope this clarifies some of the many issues here.

Happy to discuss further.

Thanks

Sandra

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From: KELLY Mike
Sent: Wednesday, 10 October 2007 3:23 PM
To: PERRETT Carol; DUFF Michael
Subject: FW: EI - Employment Assistance

From: david.ford@treasury.qld.gov.au [mailto:david.ford@treasury.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 10 October 2007 1:55 PM
To: Bob.McAulay@treasury.qld.gov.au
Cc: KELLY Mike; Walter.Ivessa@treasury.qld.gov.au
Subject: Re: EI - Employment Assistance

Bob

I think your comment on the vaccination program is accurate. Queensland Racing's approach is that we are simply cash flow funding the acceleration and they see every prospect that the costs will be a legitimate claim under the cost sharing arrangement, in which case we should be reimbursed to the tune of 90%. Even if that fails, they see it as part of their overall compensation claim on the Commonwealth, although I'd be less optimistic about ever seeing it again if that were to be the case.

I should also let you know that the focus of attention is starting to shift to how to help the non-racing folk, who are seen as a major emerging problem. The hope is that much of what is needed is simply better communication of what support is out there, but we'll have to wait and see (and even that will have costs). I'm off to a meeting this afternoon at DPI to talk through the proposals (which are very vague, to say the least).

Kind regards

David

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10/10/2007 12:02 PM

To "KELLY Mike" <Michael.Kelly@racing.qld.gov.au>
cc David K Ford/TO/QTreasury@QTreasury, Walter
Ivessa/TO/QTreasury@QTreasury
Subject Re: EI - Employment Assistance [Link](#)

Mike I agree with your assessment which is not surprising in this job market.

11/10/2007

Also seems to support our assessment of the number of participants in the "real full time industry" is probably a lot less than the 30,000 so often quoted

Thinking on it - but happy to hear your further thoughts also.

Did I mention yesterday I have some concern with the scheme to provide \$1m and people to vaccinate in that we may be subsidising a commonwealth program. This is not to say we should not do it but if it is the industry priority we need to ensure Fed/Stat responsibilities are not crossed.

Regards Bob

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cc "PERRETT Carol" <Carol.Perrett@racing.qld.gov.au>

Subject EI - Employment Assistance

David/Bob,

As you can see from below the existing 'informal' job assistance line that Industry (QRL and QHRB) has established has over 100 job vacancies. Perhaps we need to re-think along the lines of employing some people (the 6 already mentioned) to assist the Industry staff dealing with this at present.

My concern is that we will go out and find plenty of 'projects' but will have no workers willing to take the jobs on. Also, I am sure people will take the jobs that pay most so what we will be offering may be rather a second to last option that will make them even less attractive.

Thoughts?

MK

From: Shara Murray [mailto:smurray@queenslandracing.com.au]

Sent: Tuesday, 9 October 2007 4:42 PM

To: Andrew Hedges

Subject:

Andrew

As discussed, we have more jobs available than job seekers. We have approximately 100+ jobs available to people in the industry.

Regards

SM

11/10/2007

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Cc: perrett carol; perrett carol
Subject: FW: EI Employment Assistance
Attachments: EI Employment Assistance Details 061207 (4).doc

David,

Some additional info re the actual projects being undertaken as req by MD yesterday is attached. I can get this drilled down to the fine detail if needed but don't think it will add much (e.g. they can actually tell us how many litres of paint they have used, etc but I suspect that is going a bit low for what is needed).

MK

EI EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE DETAILS

Organisation	Locality	No.	Cost \$	Start Date	Details
Qld Harness Racing	Albion	5	250,000	29/10/2007	5 Co-ordinators – 2 harness, 2 gallops, 1 pleasure and performance. Facilitation of project costs including hotline offices, phones, IT system, motor vehicles etc
Qld Harness Racing	Albion	7	76,970	4/11/2007	Full time team of 7 to assist with EI issues – (4) bio security at tracks; (3) EI funding assistance support
Construction Training Centre	Eagle Farm, Albion Park, Doomben,	25	328,410	12/11/2007	Work commenced Eagle Farm and Albion Park. These 3 will form whole of 14 weeks for central project, maintenance including mowing, weeding, gardening, painting seating, toilet blocks and other public areas
Construction Training Centre	Redcliffe, Burpengary, Deagon, Caboolture	25	328,410	19/11/2007	Deagen and Caboolture commenced, Burpengary awaiting flu clearance, Redcliffe track and pony clubs to commence 2008, maintenance including mowing, weeding, gardening, painting seating, toilet blocks and other public areas
Challenge Employment & Training	Ipswich, Marburg	20	217,180	13/11/2007	2 Horse Industry supervisors, 18 workers, both project working, further projects have been assessed for area to commence 2008 maintenance including mowing, weeding, gardening, painting seating, toilet blocks and other public areas
Career Employment Australia	Gold Coast, Beaudesert	16	217,180	16/11/2007	2 Horse Industry supervisors, 14 workers, 3 projects currently working with a 4 th due to start this week maintenance including mowing, weeding, gardening, painting seating, toilet blocks and other public areas
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		Total	1,470,970		

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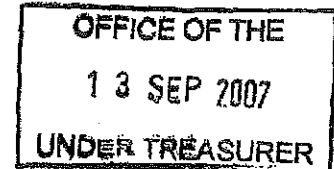
Greyhound Racing Authority



11 September 2007

15.
FAXED
11/9/07

Hon. Ms. Anna Bligh MP
Deputy Premier, Treasurer and
Minister for Infrastructure
GPO Box 611
BRISBANE QLD 4001



Dear Treasurer,

Re: Impact of the Equine Influenza Virus on the Queensland Greyhound Racing Industry

I am writing to you to highlight the plight of the Greyhound Racing Authority resulting from the outbreak of the Equine Influenza Virus and to acquaint you with the considerable losses that the Authority has made, and will make if the crisis continues for an extended period.

The Authority is locked into an Intercode agreement with the two control bodies for Thoroughbred and Harness racing in Queensland. Under the agreement, the Authority receives 9.5% of the net distribution made to Queensland Race Product Company Limited (Product Co) by UNiTAB Limited. Even before the crisis, the distribution formula was unfair to the greyhound industry as the turnover on greyhound racing exceeds 13% of the total racing turnover.

Since the EI crisis struck, the turnover on racing through UNiTAB has plummeted (with the exception of greyhound racing) and accordingly the distribution to Product Co has decreased and will continue to be below estimates, the longer the crisis continues. It is estimated that in the first week of the crisis there was a decrease in distribution to the GRA of \$130,000 to \$150,000 and in the second and third weeks that the decrease will be in the order of \$80,000 and \$60,000 respectively. Therefore our losses to date exceed \$250,000.

The Authority has continued to supply race meetings to the national racing industry during the entire crisis, and will continue to do so as long as it can. We have agreed to hold additional Saturday meetings at the request of Sky Channel at Albion Park to ensure that wagering is maximised. Accordingly, our prize money payments to our participants have not only continued, but have increased by about \$10,000 per week. These costs, which are the biggest single costs of racing control bodies, are not being incurred by, or have been considerably reduced for, the other two control bodies.

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The budget of the Authority is finely balanced. We had budgeted for a 3% increase in distribution for the current financial year with a breakeven result at the end of the year. This cannot now be achieved because of the effect that EI has had on turnover and the resultant Product Co. distribution.

I raised my concerns of the impending losses to the Authority with the other directors of Product Co, who are Board members of the other two control bodies, on the weekend that the crisis struck. Their response, then and since, has been less than helpful to our plight. The other two racing codes may well be able to seek compensation from the Federal Government, but it would be drawing a long bow to suggest that the Federal Government would consider the plight of an unaffected racing code.

I am addressing this problem to you to see if there is any way that the Government can assist the Authority with an *ex gratia* payment so that it can avoid material losses resulting from our support of the Australian and Queensland racing industries.

The Queensland Government receives considerable benefit from the racing industry through wagering, and I would estimate that the benefits from turnover on greyhound racing would be in the vicinity of \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 per year.

Should your staff require any further information or wish to discuss this issue further, they should contact Darren Beavis, General Manager of the Authority on 3262 7680.

Yours sincerely,



Phil Bennett
Chair

Cc Mike Kelly, Executive Director Office of Racing

16.

BRIEFING NOTE

FROM	Treasury		
FOR	Treasurer		
SUBJECT	Equine Influenza Outbreak - Ex Gratia Payment to Greyhound Code		
Contact Officer:	Anna Herwig, Office of Racing, 3234 1419	Record No: TRX-02442	Date: 9 October 2007
Requested by:	N/A	Date Approval Required By: / /	

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this submission is to seek your approval of an ex gratia payment of \$250,000 to the Greyhound Racing Authority (GRA) to assist the GRA in dealing with the impacts of the equine influenza (EI) outbreak.

BACKGROUND

2. By letter dated 11 September 2007 to the former Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure, the Chair of the GRA, Mr Phil Bennett, sought financial assistance from the State Government to assist the GRA in dealing with the impacts of the EI outbreak.
3. The Chair of the GRA estimated that over the initial few weeks of the outbreak, the GRA incurred losses exceeding \$250,000 related to the EI outbreak.

ISSUES

4. The principal source of revenue for the racing control bodies is product fee income from UNITAB Ltd for the supply of racing product.
5. The thoroughbred and harness control bodies have significantly reduced their racing programmes and have received reduced product fee income due to the EI outbreak. However, the costs to the thoroughbred and harness control bodies of managing the EI outbreak have been partially offset by reduced prize money payments due to cancelled race meetings.
6. In contrast, the GRA has programmed additional greyhound race meetings to fill gaps in the Australia-wide racing calendar as a result of cancelled thoroughbred and harness race meetings.
7. While the GRA is receiving less product fee income under its commercial agreements with UNITAB Ltd, it has also incurred increased prize money and other operating costs that result from greyhound racing activity. This has resulted in the GRA incurring operating losses as a direct result of providing additional race meetings in an attempt to maximise wagering revenue income payments to all three codes.
8. Notwithstanding the provision of any financial assistance by the State Government to the GRA, the GRA will need to consider, and if necessary, adjust its future expenditure commitments based on the likely prolonged effects of EI.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The ex gratia payment of \$250,000 to the GRA will be funded from the \$5M recovery package component of the State Government's assistance package for the horse industry.

MEDIA RELEASE

10. Draft media release is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

11. That you:

- Approve an ex gratia payment of \$250,000 to the GRA to assist the GRA in dealing with the financial impacts of the EI outbreak.
- Sign the attached letter to the Chair of the GRA advising of the payment to the GRA.

Gerard Bradley
 Gerard Bradley
 Under Treasurer Date 10/10/07

Approved Not approved Noted

Treasurer's Comments
*Given commercial arrangements that
 Product Co which directly lead to loss,*

Andrew Fraser
 Andrew Fraser
 Treasurer
 10/10/07

Name	Action Officer/Author	Director	(Initials)	ED/AUT	(Initials)	DLT	(Initials)
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Hon Andrew Fraser MP
Member for Mount Coot-tha



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TRX-02442

15 OCT 2007

Mr P Bennett
Chairman
Greyhound Racing Authority
PO Box 250
ALBION QLD 4010

Dear Phil

As you would be aware, the Queensland Government is implementing a range of measures to help people and businesses operating within the wider horse industry directly impacted by the equine influenza (EI) outbreak.

The Government recognises that the greyhound code has also been affected by this outbreak.

As we have discussed GRA has experienced decreased revenue from the product share agreement through the distribution of revenue from UNITAB Limited following the Industry-wide downturn experienced during the EI outbreak.

I appreciate the circumstances that resulted in GRA programming additional greyhound race meetings to fill gaps in the Australia-wide racing calendar due to the cancellation of thoroughbred and harness race meetings and that GRA has incurred increased prize money and other operating costs as a result.

I have therefore approved a one-off ex gratia payment of \$250,000 to the GRA to assist in dealing with the impact of the outbreak on the greyhound code.

Notwithstanding the provision of this financial assistance by the Queensland Government, I am sure you would agree the GRA needs to consider and, if necessary, adjust its future commitments based on the likely prolonged effects of EI.

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Officers from the Office of Racing will contact the GRA shortly to discuss arrangements for the abovementioned payment.

Should you require further information in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Michael Dart, Senior Advisor of my office on (07) 3227 8820.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Fraser', with a flourish at the end.

ANDREW FRASER

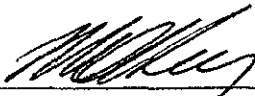
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OFFICE OF RACING REGULATION
CONTROL BODY ASSESSMENT
REPORT

2007

**QUEENSLAND
RACING
LIMITED**

APPROVED



Mike Kelly
Executive Director, Office of Racing
Date: 17/2/09

1. BACKGROUND

Section 46 of the *Racing Act 2002* (the Racing Act) requires the Chief Executive to prepare and provide to the Minister an annual program for assessing the suitability of control bodies to manage their relevant code of racing. The program may focus on a particular control body or on a particular criterion relating to all control bodies.

In accordance with section 46(3) of the Racing Act, on 19 July 2007, the Treasurer in his former role of Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport approved the program for 2007. A copy of the approved program is contained in (**Attachment 1**). The assessment program provided for the assessment of the Queensland Harness Racing Board (QHRB), Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) and the Greyhound Racing Authority (GRA).

In August 2007, horses in Queensland and New South Wales tested positive to the exotic equine virus, equine influenza (EI). The 2007 EI outbreak resulted in a ban on the movement of all horses (except under permit) and the cancellation of all horse racing in Queensland. As a result, the management and staff of both QRL and the QHRB were heavily involved in dealing with the EI outbreak and it was impractical to conduct the assessment program.

On 25 June 2008, approval was obtained from the Treasurer to vary the 2007 assessment program for the thoroughbred and harness racing codes (**Attachment 2**).

The powers and functions of the Chief Executive under the Racing Act relating to Assessment Programs (section 46) have been delegated to the position of Executive Director, Office of Racing.

This report contains details of the assessment of QRL.

2. OBJECTIVES & SCOPE

Under section 81 (s) of the Racing Act, a control body is required to have a policy for its code of racing about the welfare of licensed animals. According to the Racing Act, welfare is defined as protecting the health, safety and wellbeing of animals and licensed animals including the prevention and management of diseases (including exotic and emergent diseases) that may affect animals or licensed animals. The aim of the assessment was to determine the preparedness of each control body to deal with an emergency animal disease outbreak situation.

3. METHODOLOGY

The response of the QRL management and staff to the 2007 EI outbreak was assessed against a number of performance based criteria (**Attachment 3**).

4. RESOURCES

The assessment was conducted by the Office of Racing Regulation and the outcomes of the assessment reviewed by the Executive Director, Office of Racing.

5. ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

This assessment was conducted with the benefit of hindsight. As the outbreak of EI had never before been experienced in Australia, the response was a learning experience for both the control bodies and the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F). The employees of QRL worked long hours under conditions of extreme pressure as the situation rapidly changed and evolved. While scientific advice was available there were no definitive answers.

Overall, QRL's performance in responding to the 2007 EI outbreak was appropriate and effective. QRL worked co-operatively and communicated effectively with the DPI&F, the lead agency for the management of emergency animal diseases.

QRL took the initiative of cancelling all race meetings before the DPI&F issued a horse standstill order and advised all licensees not to move their licensed thoroughbred horses. QRL also ensured that all licensees complied with the horse standstill order and advised trainers of biosecurity measures, which could be used to reduce the risk of horses in their care becoming infected.

From 25 August 2007 until 20 September 2007, thoroughbred racing across Queensland was severely curtailed due to the horse standstill. QRL established racing precincts in a number of thoroughbred racing and training centres across Queensland. Race meetings in a restricted form were conducted subject to various conditions approved by the DPI&F. During the racing precinct planning process, a risk assessment of the different centres was undertaken. The risk assessment considered the geographical location of the centre in relation to the areas of known infected cases, the numbers of thoroughbred and non-thoroughbred horses within the area and horse movements.

On 20 September 2007, when the two zone horse movement system, the Red and Green Zones were introduced, horse racing was allowed to continue, albeit with some restrictions. Unfortunately horses within four out of the seven precincts within the Red Zone became infected with the EI virus.

QRL was effective in advocating its stakeholder position at various levels and forums during the response. QRL also played an active role in shaping the response in Queensland and how it affected the thoroughbred racing industry. QRL was effective in keeping its industry participants informed about the EI response through its website, racing calendar, telephone, direct mailing, email, industry road shows, electronic and print media.

The QRL vaccination program was well planned, well resourced and well coordinated considering that the horses to be vaccinated were spread over a large geographical area. The entire cost of the vaccination program for licensed thoroughbred horses was borne by QRL. Only thoroughbred horses registered with the Australian Stud Book were vaccinated by the QRL sponsored vaccination teams. The Office of the Gene Regulator (OTGR), an office within the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aging, provides administrative support for the national scheme for the regulation of genetically modified organisms in Australia.

The OTGR approved the importation into Australia of the genetically modified ProteqFlu vaccine under an Emergency Dealing Directive.

The OTGR conducted an audit of QRL's use of the vaccine and reported that QRL was compliant with all conditions of the Emergency Dealing Directive. While some non-compliance issues had been detected in an earlier independent audit, QRL had rectified these when the OTGR conducted its audit.

During the EI response, a new rule, Australian Racing Rule 64K (the Biosecurity Rule) was made which provides that once a notifiable disease such as EI has been declared, if the owner or the person in charge of a horse suspects it has been infected with the notifiable disease, they are obligated to report it to QRL. They are also required to isolate the infected horse from other horses and animals. Stewards can also declare any licensed premises or vehicle to be contaminated with a notifiable disease. Any person who causes, assists or permits any animal, fodder or fitting to move onto, within or off the contaminated premises or vehicle is guilty of an offence under the Rules of Racing. This rule gave QRL stewards significant powers over licensed persons, licensed thoroughbred horses, licensed premises and vehicles used to transport licensed horses.

QRL also played a vital role during the response by processing horse movement permit applications prior to their submission to the DPI&F, arranging for the collection and testing of samples from licensed thoroughbred horses for exposure to the EI virus and assisting in resolving the status of properties previously declared as infected properties.

QRL management utilised the information contained in the Queensland Racing Industry Emergency Animal Disease Preparedness Plan (QRIEADPP) during the response. However the contact details of key personnel contained within the document were not current and are difficult to keep current in its present written format. The development and use of an electronic version or database which can be readily updated is recommended and should be investigated.

Though mentioned in the QRL Animal Welfare policy, further development of the industry's emergency animal disease preparedness and biosecurity policy and procedures is recommended. Staff and licensees involved in the EI response would have gained invaluable knowledge from the experience. However staff will leave the organisation and new people will enter the industry and QRL needs to ensure that this knowledge is not lost from the industry.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that a review of QRL's biosecurity preparedness for its industry and an outline of future planning be undertaken by QRL. Further assistance could be obtained from Animal Health Australia (AHA), the DPI&F and the Racing Science Centre (RSC). The review should consider the following issues:

- The development of a meaningful control body policy/ sub-policy and procedures regarding biosecurity including emergency animal disease preparedness;
- The contact details contained within the QRIEADPP document be updated regularly to maintain its currency and that an electronic database containing the contact details of key people and organisations that would be able to assist in the response to an emergency animal disease outbreak, be developed;
- A review of QRL's licensee training program to ensure that the content covers all aspects of biosecurity including emergency animal disease awareness and preparedness;
- Ongoing training for existing and new QRL staff with regard to emergency animal disease preparedness, for example, industry liaison officer training and emergency animal disease awareness training; and
- Support and promotion by QRL of Animal Health Australia's 'Protect Australian Livestock Campaign', called 'Farm Biosecurity' which is designed to encourage persons who use animals in their businesses to implement appropriate biosecurity as part of normal business and enterprise practice to minimise the risk of an emergency animal disease.

7. COMMENTS AND FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

On 18 November 2008 a draft copy of this report was provided to QRL with a request to provide comments and develop an action plan to implement the recommendations contained in this report by 2 December 2008.

Control Body Response:

By email dated 1 December 2008, QRL agreed to the following action plan to implement the specific issues outlined in the recommended review of QRL's biosecurity preparedness:

1. QRL agreed to develop a meaningful control body policy regarding biosecurity including emergency animal disease preparedness by the end of March 2009;
2. QRL advised that it is updating the contact details in the QRIEADPP and will introduce a protocol to ensure that the information is reviewed at least quarterly;
3. QRL advised that the training provided to racing industry participants has been the subject of a national review. QRL has further advised that biosecurity is now included as a general unit of basic training for all industry participants and will be implemented in 2009;
4. QRL agreed to develop specific training for its staff with respect to emergency animal disease awareness during the first quarter of 2009 with delivery in the second quarter of 2009; and
5. QRL agreed to support and promote the Animal Health Australia 'Farm Biosecurity' campaign in its racing calendar and through its racing veterinarian database.

Also QRL commented that the report's findings were very positive and broadly consistent with QRL's self assessment of its involvement in the EI response. QRL also made the following comments with regard to the report:

- QRL agreed with the assessment that the risk of introducing the EI virus into a racing precinct may have been reduced if entry was restricted to designated entry points and if mandatory decontamination was imposed prior to entry. However, QRL noted that it did not have the authority to implement such measures but recommended that other bodies with the necessary authority be engaged to implement these procedures or that legislation be introduced which ensures control bodies have the necessary authority to implement these restrictions during the response.
- QRL further commented that the decision to hold race meetings during the EI response was made after considering the risk of infection and the impact that a lack of racing was having on participants in the racing industry. QRL was satisfied that the risk was sufficiently contained so as to allow limited racing to take place. QRL further noted that the DPI&F approved the race meetings subject to a number of conditions.

To the QRL Report

Program for Assessing the Suitability of a Control Body 2007

Assessment

The assessment will be conducted under section 46 of the *Racing Act 2002* (the Act).

Assessment Program

The preparedness of each of the control bodies to deal with an emergency animal disease outbreak at a racing venue during the conduct of a race meeting will be assessed by conducting a scenario based series of events that creates an 'exercise' disease outbreak situation at a race meeting.

Events will be generated by exercise directing staff (from the Office of Racing) that are of increasing complexity. The intent is to create a realistic situation of increasing seriousness and tempo that will require control body staff to initiate responses within a complex exercise environment. It is these responses that will form the basis of the assessment regime being undertaken.

The assessment will be conducted at a thoroughbred, harness and greyhound racing venue.

The scenario will be conducted in such a way as to ensure that the race meetings at which the assessment is conducted are not disrupted.

As part of the assessment, a review of the control bodies' policies and rules of racing in relation to emergency animal diseases will also be undertaken.

Assessment Scope

The three control bodies, namely Queensland Racing Limited, the Queensland Harness Racing Board and the Greyhound Racing Authority will be assessed for their suitability to manage their respective code of racing.

The assessment will commence in August 2007.

Conduct of Assessment

The assessment will be undertaken by the Office of Racing.

To the QRL Report

Variation to the 2007 Program for Assessing the Suitability of the Thoroughbred and Harness Control Bodies

Assessment

The assessment will be conducted under section 46 of the *Racing Act 2002* (the Act).

Assessment Program

The preparedness of Queensland Racing Limited and the Queensland Harness Racing Board to deal with an emergency animal disease will be assessed by assessing their respective roles in the response to contain and eradicate the equine influenza virus outbreak during 2007. The assessment will take the form of a desk top investigation which will involve gathering, analysing and reviewing the relevant information.

As part of the assessment, a review of the control bodies' policies and rules of racing in relation to emergency animal diseases will also be undertaken.

Assessment Scope

Queensland Racing Limited and the Queensland Harness Racing Board will be assessed for their suitability to manage their respective code of racing in relation to emergency animal disease preparedness.

Conduct of Assessment

The assessment will be undertaken by the Office of Racing.

To the QRL Report

Assessment of the Response by Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) to the 2007 Equine Influenza (EI) Outbreak

1. Assessment of the measures initially taken by QRL when information was first received that EI may have infected horses within the general horse population of Australia

Action taken by QRL

- When QRL received information in the early hours of Saturday 25 August 2007, that horses in the Centennial Park complex in Sydney were exhibiting signs consistent with EI, QRL contacted the Office of Racing and attempted to contact officials from the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) to verify this information and seek guidance from DPI&F with regard to the response to this exotic animal disease incursion.
- On the morning of Saturday 25 August 2007, QRL cancelled all thoroughbred race meetings, trials and training in Queensland for an indefinite period. QRL took this action before the control bodies in any other State did so except for NSW and before the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) had issued a horse standstill order.
- QRL ensured compliance with the national 72 hour horse standstill order.
- QRL established an emergency hotline to provide information to licensees about the EI outbreak.
- QRL contacted registered trainers in Queensland to obtain details of horses that came from interstate to their premises since 8 August 2007.
- QRL attended the daily industry liaison and the weekly EI Control Group and State Disaster Group meetings.

Assessment of Action taken by QRL

- QRL acted swiftly, decisively and appropriately in the early stages of the EI outbreak.
- QRL showed initiative by cancelling race meetings and collecting information from trainers about horses which had been transferred from NSW into their stables.

2. Assessment of the measures used by QRL to enforce or assist with the enforcement of the initial response to the EI outbreak

Action taken by QRL

- Under the *Racing Act 2002*, QRL is an approved control body and has wide ranging powers to manage the code of thoroughbred racing in Queensland.
- QRL used its powers in accordance with its policies and procedures to enforce the initial response. The policies QRL relied on included:
 - The licensing of race clubs;
 - The licensing of persons and animals;
 - The welfare of licensed animals; and
 - The allocation of race days & provision of funding to licensed race clubs.
- The Queensland Racing Industry Emergency Animal Disease Preparedness Plan (QRIEADPP) was developed by the Office of Racing for QRL and the other control bodies to assist them with the management of an emergency animal disease outbreak. The document outlines the roles of racing industry personnel in the *investigative, alert, operational, stand down and recovery phases* of an emergency animal disease situation. It enables staff at all levels to quickly identify the tasks they are expected to perform. QRL utilised this document in the initial response to the EI outbreak.
- Stewards employed by QRL utilised their powers under the Australian Rules of Racing (ARR) and the Local Rules, to prevent horses from racing and from entering or leaving the premises under the control of a licensed person (ARR 8 (m), (q) & (l); ARR 8 B and AR 8 D).
- During the outbreak, stewards were deployed to racetracks to ensure licensed horses were not moved by licensees for exercising.

Assessment of Action taken by QRL

- The actions taken by QRL were effective in ensuring industry participants complied with the horse standstill order.
- The licensed trainers understood the gravity of the situation and co-operated with QRL.

3. Assessment of the effectiveness of the racing precincts established by QRL

Action taken by QRL

- The racing precinct concept involved defining an area around a racetrack or training facility, where horses, which were stabled within that area, were walked to the racetrack or training facility to be exercised and later raced. Horses stabled outside the defined area were not permitted to be walked or floated to the racetrack or training facility.

- QRL stewards were involved in controlling the access of horses and persons into and out of the race track within the racing precinct.
- QRL developed the racing precinct concept to address animal welfare concerns and to allow racing to continue on a limited basis (one race meeting per day), subject to approval by the DPI&F.
- QRL was responsible for assessing and accepting the risks associated with licensed thoroughbred horses within the racing precincts becoming infected with the EI virus.
- QRL assessed the risk based on the following criteria:
 - The racing precinct's proximity to areas where confirmed cases of EI existed; and
 - The number of horses within the precinct.
- While the horse standstill was in place, the highest risk of infection entering a racing precinct was associated with humans. Jockeys, track work riders, trainers and stable staff who maintained contact with horses outside of the precincts posed the biggest risk.
- Horses within the Toowoomba, Deagon, Eagle Farm and Doomben precincts became infected with EI. It is unknown as to how the EI virus entered these precincts but the most likely way was via a contaminated fomite (human, gear, fodder, etc) being introduced into a stable. It is unknown as to whether or not that aerosol spread played a significant role in the spread of the EI virus.

Assessment of Action taken by QRL

- From an emergency disease management point of view, racing precincts and the activities within them may have increased the risk of horses within the precinct becoming infected with EI because horses and people from different stables were allowed to freely mix.
- While QRL implemented all appropriate measures to minimise the risk of infection and the QRL stewards were diligent and thorough in policing the requirements under which trainers were permitted to exercise the horses in their care, QRL had to rely upon the co-operation and commonsense of the licensed persons and unlicensed persons entering the precinct to comply with the biosecurity measures.
- The risk of introducing the EI virus into a racing precinct may have been reduced if entry into the precinct was restricted via designated entry points. All persons entering stables within the precinct would have to be registered and undergo mandatory decontamination prior to entry. However, in practice this would have been difficult to implement as it is unlikely that QRL would have the legal authority to enforce this restricted entry policy particularly in public areas. Also, in view of the increased workload of QRL employees during this period, it is unlikely that QRL had the necessary resources to do this. In the circumstances, it is assessed that the actions taken by QRL were appropriate.

4. **Assessment of the procedures used by QRL to regulate activities within racing precincts during the standstill**

Action taken by QRL

- QRL required the race clubs within the racing precincts to apply to QRL for approval to conduct trackwork and hold race meetings. Approval was granted subject to a number of conditions imposed by the DPI&F. The race club was responsible for implementation of the biosecurity plan and procedures. QRL stewards were responsible for supervising the implementation of the biosecurity plan by race clubs.
- Licensed trainers, within the racing precinct, were required to apply to QRL for approval to walk racehorses to an approved race track for the purpose of exercising their nominated horses. Approval was granted subject to a number of conditions. Trainers were also required to keep details of horses in work, staff and sub-contractors working in the stable, a log of people entering and leaving their stable and twice daily temperature records of the horses within their stable.
- Licensed track work riders and jockeys were also required to apply to QRL for approval to ride racehorses at approved racetracks. Approval was subject to a number of conditions.
- Information sessions were conducted for trainers, jockeys and trackwork riders with regard to the new arrangements.
- The QRL stewards relied on ARR(7)(d) and 8D to regulate activities within racing precincts. Under ARR 7(d), QRL can punish (i) any person contravening the Rules or disobeying any proper direction of an official, or (ii) any licensed person or official whose conduct or negligence in the performance of his duties has led, or could have led, to a breach of the Rules.
- ARR 8D states:

"Any licensed person who, whilst the stewards are exercising the powers vested in them by Rule 8B or carrying out their duties, refuses to obey any reasonable direction of stewards or obstructs, hinders or delays stewards in exercising such powers or carrying out their duties, or incites any other person or persons to obstruct, hinder or delay stewards from exercising such powers, or carrying out their duties or does not act to prevent any other person or persons on the premises from so doing, may be punished."

Assessment of Action taken by QRL

- The action taken by QRL was effective in regulating the movement of horses within racing precincts.
- The procedures outlined above were effective in keeping a record of events occurring within the racing precincts. While there was no monitoring of the movements of licensed persons and subcontractors into and out of the racing precinct, in view of the workload of QRL employees during the EI outbreak and the additional resources that would have been required to do this, it is understandable that it was not done.

5. Assessment of other measures introduced by QRL to reduce the risk of EI from infecting licensed thoroughbred horses in Queensland.

Action taken by QRL

- On 27 August 2007, the Australian Racing Board (ARB) announced the introduction of ARR 64K (the Biosecurity Rule) and declared EI to be a notifiable disease or condition under ARR 64K (1). This rule provides that once a notifiable disease such as equine influenza has been declared, if the owner or the person in charge of a horse suspected it has been infected with the notifiable disease, they are obligated to report it to QRL. They are also required to isolate the infected horse from other horses and animals. Stewards could also declare any licensed premises or vehicle to be contaminated with a notifiable disease. This rule gave QRL stewards significant powers over licensed persons, licensed thoroughbred horses, licensed premises and vehicles used to transport licensed horses.
- QRL introduced biosecurity measures approved by the Chief Inspector of Stock, DPI&F at racetracks and licensed premises. Biosecurity measures are one of the standard measures used to prevent humans from introducing EI to susceptible horses.
- Racetracks (within racing precincts), which held race meetings were divided into different zones and access to the different zones was restricted to authorised personnel. The general public were either excluded from the racecourse or physically separated from the horses. The arrangement was also subject to the approval of the Chief Inspector of Stock, DPI&F.
- QRL included up to date information about the EI outbreak and response on its website.

Assessment of Action taken by QRL

- The enforcement of ARR 64K by QRL is considered to have been effective in preventing the further spread of EI.
- While QRL's decision to hold race meetings may have increased the risk of licensed thoroughbred horses becoming infected with EI, these meetings were approved by the DPI&F. The exclusion of the general public from racecourses significantly decreased the risk of EI being introduced to susceptible thoroughbred racehorses, particularly in the early stages of the outbreak.

6. Assessment of the level of communication undertaken by QRL with various groups during the EI response

Action taken by QRL

- There was close, open and forthright communication between the Chair of QRL, senior officials of QRL and the Minister of DPI&F, the Director-General of DPI&F, the Managing Director of Biosecurity Queensland, the Chief Veterinary Officer, the Chief Inspector of Stock and other Biosecurity Queensland personnel associated with leading the EI response.
- QRL was represented by the ARB at meetings of the National Management Group (NMG) and Consultative Committee for Emergency Animal Disease (CCEAD).
- QRL was also represented at the weekly meetings of the Equine Influenza Control Group and daily meetings of the DPI&F Industry Forum.

Assessment of Action taken by QRL

- QRL was effective in conveying its position on various issues relating to the EI response, including vaccination, effect of the horse standstill order and zone changes on business at the various levels.
- QRL communicated effectively with all levels of government (State and Federal) involved with the EI response.

7. Assessment of the effectiveness of and compliance with QRL's vaccination program during the EI response

Action taken by QRL

- Initially, the supply of the genetically modified canary pox vaccine, ProteqFlu vaccine was limited. The horse racing sector (including QRL) lobbied for first access to the vaccine as a business risk mitigation strategy. As a result, QRL was provided with a significant proportion of the first shipment of vaccine.
- QRL developed a strategy to vaccinate all racing thoroughbred horses in racing precincts, private stables *outside of racing precincts*, spelling and agistment farms and studs located within the area where infection was still active, called the Red Zone. QRL only vaccinated thoroughbred horses and did not vaccinate any other horses that were on a property with the thoroughbred horses. When the DPI&F and QHRB attended a property to vaccinate horses, they vaccinated all horses on property.
- On 29 September 2007, QRL commenced its EI vaccination program by vaccinating thoroughbred racehorses within uninfected racing precincts within the Red Zone. QRL vaccination teams consisted of a senior QRL staff member, veterinary surgeons and several other staff to identify horses and record data. The first round of vaccinations was completed by the second week of October, 2007.

- All veterinary staff employed by QRL to administer the vaccine had successfully completed the Animal Health Australia on-line vaccination training.
- QRL was responsible for the storage, distribution, handling and administration of the ProteqFlu vaccine, in accordance with the requirements of the Office of the Gene Regulator (OTGR) and DPI&F.
- The OTGR conducted an audit of the storage, distribution, handling and administration of the ProteqFlu vaccine in Queensland, to ensure compliance with the conditions of the Emergency Dealing Directive for the vaccine. Officials from QRL assisted in the completion of the compliance audit.
- On 16 November 2007, QRL announced that it would commence the voluntary vaccination of thoroughbred racehorses in the Green Zone. QRL subsidised the cost of the vaccine, the microchip and a portion of the veterinary surgeon's fee.
- The second round of vaccination for thoroughbred racehorses within the Red Zone commenced on 27 October 2007.
- On 13 March 2008, QRL announced that it would continue with the third round of EI vaccination on a voluntary basis. QRL subsidised the cost of the vaccine, the microchip and a portion of the veterinary surgeon's fee.
- On 14 March 2008 the National Management Group announced that until 30 June 2008, horse owners may continue to access the ProteqFlu vaccine to complete the scheduled course of vaccination (third dose) where this was approved by the state chief veterinary officer. Access was on a voluntary self funded basis.
- As of 18 March 2008, QRL had distributed and administered 33,960 doses of the ProteqFlu vaccine in Queensland.
- On 20 March 2008, DPI&F announced that Queensland was provisionally free of equine influenza and horse movement restrictions were significantly relaxed.

Assessment of Action taken by QRL

- The first two rounds of QRL's vaccination program appeared to be well resourced and were completed relatively smoothly.
- During an independent audit conducted on behalf of the DPI&F, there were some non-compliance issues with the requirements set down by the Office of the Gene Regulator (OTGR). QRL was notified of these issues and they were addressed by QRL. The OTGR audit found QRL to be compliant with all requirements of the Emergency Dealing Directive.

8. Assessment of the measures taken by QRL to resolve the status of licensed premises housing licensed thoroughbred horses previously infected with EI.

Action taken by QRL

- The DPI&F directed that horses could only be moved from infected properties once the status of the property was resolved.
- QRL developed an application pack (application form, statutory declaration from trainer or property owner, details of horses on property and a veterinary certificate) that QRL trainers or property owners could complete and submit to QRL. QRL stewards would then check the information and if completed satisfactorily, submit it to the DPI&F for approval.
- QRL advised trainers and property owners of the records that would be required by the veterinary surgeon, in order to complete the veterinary certificate.
- QRL arranged for all previously infected horses to be blood sampled and the samples tested. Horses which tested positive were assumed to have been infected. Horses which tested negative were re-sampled after 14 days. If the second test was also negative then it was assumed that the horse was not infected with EI and would need to be vaccinated.

Assessment of Action taken by QRL

- QRL's actions are considered to have been effective in assisting to resolve the status of licensed premises housing licensed thoroughbred horses previously infected with EI.
- The application pack initiative is an example of QRL's ability to organise its industry to enable racing to resume as soon as possible. It also assisted the DPI&F by managing the information flow and increasing the efficiency of the property status reclassification process.
- The serological testing of horses reported to have been infected with EI greatly assisted the DPI&F, as it provided useful information about the spread of the disease. It also greatly assisted thoroughbred horse trainers and owners, as this was the first step in allowing the movement of horses from their property to begin training and racing.

9. **Assessment of QRL's response to the EI zones implemented by the DPI&F**

Significant events/ actions

- On 20 September 2007, DPI&F introduced a two zone system (Red and Green Zones) to allow horse movement in some areas of Queensland. There was free horse movement (provided a waybill was completed prior to the movement) within the Green Zone. In the Red Zone, horse movement was restricted and horses could only be moved under permit.
- On 19 September 2007, QRL outlined a number of biosecurity related requirements for trainers, race clubs and riders within the two different zones.
- QRL further developed racing and training policies for race clubs in the Red and Green Zones.
- QRL was responsible for seeking approval from the Chief Inspector of Stock (DPI&F) to hold race meetings within the Red Zone.
- On 7 December 2007, the two zone system became a three zone system (Red, Amber and Green). A new Amber Zone was declared between the two vaccination buffer zones within the Red Zone. Horses in the Amber Zone were able to be ridden and walked freely within the zone and if transported by vehicle required the completion of a waybill. All horse events in the Amber Zone required approval from the Chief Inspector of Stock (DPI&F). In the Red Zone, horses could be moved by vehicle provided a permit was obtained and full decontamination of the horse, trailer or any other vehicle used to transport the horse was completed.
- Horses from the Amber or Green Zones could race in the Red Zone provided they were fully vaccinated and had the necessary travel permit. They could return to the Amber or Green Zone provided they abided by the stringent quarantine and testing protocols and obtained a permit to do so. Horses resident within the Red Zone were, generally not permitted to move into the Amber or Green Zones.
- QRL was responsible for seeking approval from the Chief Inspector of Stock (DPI&F) to hold race meetings within the Red and Amber Zones.
- In January 2007, QRL arranged for Grandview Stud located at Peak Crossing, to be approved by DPI&F as a quarantine station.
- On 27 February 2008, the Red Zone was reclassified as the Amber Zone and the remainder of Queensland was reclassified as the White Zone. This reclassification further relaxed the restrictions on horse movements. All QRL approved thoroughbred racing and training facilities within the Amber Zone were required to adhere to specific biosecurity measures such as ensuring licensed and authorised personnel were only allowed access to the horse stabling area and licensed and authorised personnel mixing with the general public were required to undergo decontamination. The facilities within the White Zone did not require a biosecurity plan.

- On 14 March 2008, Queensland was provisionally declared free of EI when the Amber Zone was reclassified as the Green Zone. The remainder of Queensland was still classified as the White Zone. Horse movements within the Green and White Zones required the completion of a waybill. Movements between the two zones required the completion of a Queensland Horse Inter-zone Declaration.

Assessment of Action taken by QRL

- QRL worked constructively with the DPI&F to ensure that any potential problems with the zoning arrangements were resolved prior to their implementation. Also, QRL ensured licensees complied with the zoning arrangements and associated horse movement requirements.

10. Assessment of the control over the movement of vaccinated and recovered licensed thoroughbred horses by QRL

Action taken by QRL

- QRL suspended the movement of thoroughbred horses within the Red Zone until all uninfected horses had been vaccinated and were likely to have protective immunity against EI.
- QRL required licensed trainers to complete applications for single movements and multi-movements of horses. QRL would check the application and if complete, then submit it to the DPI&F for approval.

Assessment of Action taken by QRL

- QRL's actions were effective in controlling the movement of vaccinated and recovered licensed thoroughbred horses. QRL demonstrated initiative in organising its industry participants and controlling the movement of horses.
- QRL assisted the DPI&F by managing the information flow and increasing the efficiency of the horse movement permit system.

11. Assessment of QRL's emergency animal disease preparedness policies and procedures

Background

- QRL's animal welfare policy states that it "draws upon Animal Health Australia (AHA) and standard policies and procedures developed by AHA to develop performance standards and establish national benchmarks against which animal health services can be measured in the context of continual improvement."
- AHA is a not-for-profit public company established by the Australian, state and territory governments and major national livestock industry organisations. The company's mission is to ensure that the national animal health system delivers a competitive advantage and preferred market access for Australia's livestock industries. In fulfilling this role, AHA manages a suite of national programs that position Australia as a world leader in terms of its animal health status and systems. One of the programs involves emergency animal disease preparedness and under this program, AHA conducts emergency animal disease awareness and industry liaison officer training for industry representatives.

- The Queensland Racing Industry Emergency Animal Disease Preparedness Plan (QRIEADPP) developed by the Office of Racing on behalf of the three codes of racing and document outlines the roles of racing industry personnel in the investigative, alert, operational, stand down and recovery phases of an emergency animal disease situation. It also contains strategies for the Queensland racing industry to adopt to underpin an effective emergency animal disease response and was developed so that staff at all levels can quickly identify what tasks they are expected to perform.
- The QRL's animal welfare policy also requires persons in charge of licensed thoroughbred horses to immediately inform QRL's Chief Steward and Director of Integrity Operations, the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries and the Office of Racing if they suspect or believe a horse to be infected with a notifiable disease.

Assessment

- QRL has no formal documented policy position on emergency animal disease preparedness.
- Despite having no formal emergency animal disease policy and minimal staff training about emergency animal diseases, QRL (with guidance) was effective in managing its industry during the 2007 EI outbreak.
- The contact details for key people and organisations contained within the QRIEADPP document requires regular updating to maintain its currency. The contact details have not been updated since 2006.

12. Other issues

(a) The deliberate infection of registered thoroughbred horses with EI by a licensed person

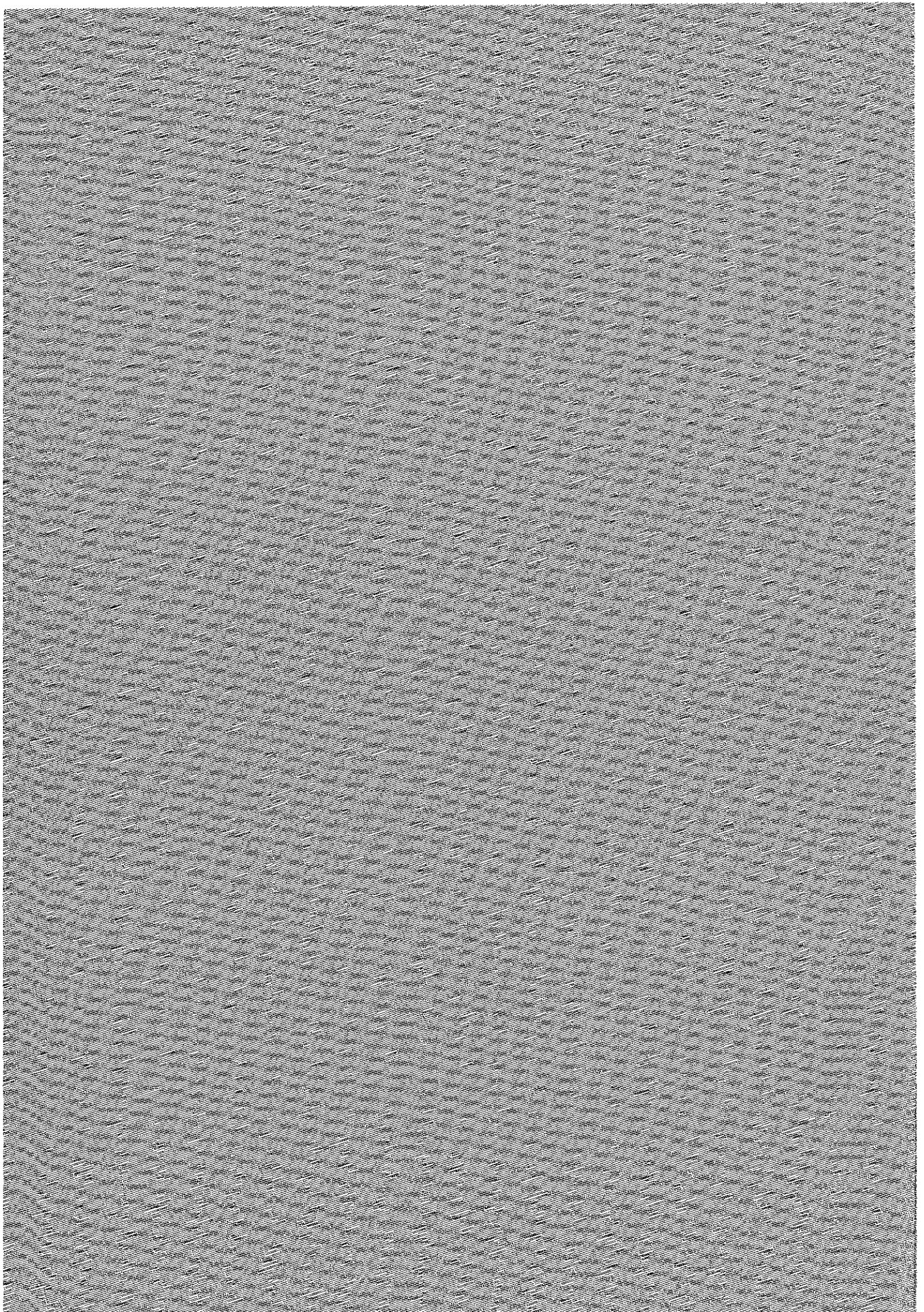
- On 28 September, 2007 the Courier-Mail reported that a thoroughbred racehorse trainer based at Hendra had deliberately infected horses under his care. The trainer was also interviewed on a Brisbane radio station and confirmed that he had deliberately infected the horses in his stable with biological material from an infected horse.
- The trainer's actions of deliberately infecting a horse with the EI virus using an object containing infected material is contrary to undertakings given by the trainer when he completed and signed the QRL application to move thoroughbred horses to training facilities during the Queensland Government Standstill order. In this document, the trainer agreed to apply the AUSVET human and equipment decontamination plan in his stables. The intent of implementing these measures was to prevent the EI virus from entering the stables via any person or object.
- QRL's document entitled "Biosecurity Instructions for Trainers, Employees, Track Riders, Farriers and Service Providers" also outlines the biosecurity measures and procedures which trainers and their staff are required to implement and abide by.

- The Office of Racing conducted an investigation and determined that no prosecution action be initiated under any provision of the *Racing Act 2002* (Qld) and that the matter be referred to QRL for investigation and be dealt with under the Australian Rules of Racing.
- QRL advised that the Chief Steward had counselled the trainer and had determined that as it may have been detrimental to the interests of racing to open an inquiry into the trainer's actions after the EI crisis was over and racing had resumed, a decision had been made to take no further action.

13. Recommendations

It is recommended that a review of QRL's biosecurity preparedness for its industry and an outline of future planning to be undertaken by QRL. Further assistance could be obtained from Animal Health Australia (AHA), the DPI&F and the Racing Science Centre. The review should consider the following issues:

- The development of a meaningful control body policy/ sub-policy and procedures regarding biosecurity including emergency animal disease preparedness;
- The contact details contained within the QRIEADPP document be updated regularly to maintain its currency and that an electronic database containing the contact details of key people and organisations able to assist in the response to an emergency animal disease outbreak, be developed;
- A review of QRL's licensee training program to ensure that the content covers all aspects of biosecurity including emergency animal disease awareness and preparedness;
- Ongoing training for existing and new QRL staff with regard to emergency animal disease preparedness, for example, industry liaison officer training and emergency animal disease awareness training; and
- Support and promotion by QRL of Animal Health Australia's 'Protect Australian Livestock Campaign', called 'Farm Biosecurity' which is designed to encourage persons who use animals in their businesses to implement appropriate biosecurity as part of normal business and enterprise practice to minimise the risk of an emergency animal disease.



BRIEFING NOTE

ELECTORATE: STATE-WIDE

REQUESTED BY: INTERNALLY GENERATED

TO: MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PLANNING AND SPORT

FROM: DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Title: Control Body Assessment Program 2007

Date: 14 June 2007

1. Issues

- Section 46 of the *Racing Act 2002* (the Act) requires that each year, the Chief Executive must prepare and provide to the Minister a program for assessing the suitability of control bodies to manage their relevant code of racing. The program may focus on a particular control body or on a particular criterion relating to all control bodies.
- In accordance with section 46(3) of the Act, you may approve the program for the year, with or without changes.
- Racing control bodies have a responsibility to ensure they are adequately prepared to respond to an emergency animal disease outbreak and implement measures which will assist in the control and eradication of the disease.
- Due to the significant risks that an outbreak of an emergency animal disease poses to the racing industry and the wide community, the aim of this year's proposed assessment is to determine the preparedness of the control bodies to assist in dealing with an emergency animal disease outbreak.
- Such diseases include Equine Influenza Virus which is not present in Australia and new diseases which have arisen in Australia such as Hendra Virus.
- Equine Influenza Virus is an acute viral respiratory disease of horses, akin to human and avian influenza. While it usually has a low mortality rate, Equine Influenza Virus is easily transmitted. Coughing horses can project virus laden droplets up to 35 metres and it is believed that the virus can be spread by wind for up to eight kilometres. If not detected early enough, it can infect a large number of horses rapidly. In the 2003 outbreak in South Africa, it took approximately one week for virtually all horses to be infected with Equine Influenza Virus. The racing industry in South Africa was closed for a period of approximately six months.
- While Hendra Virus is not as contagious as Equine Influenza Virus, it can cause fatal infections in susceptible horses and humans. It was responsible for the death of a Queensland trainer and a number of thoroughbred horses under his care in 1994.
- The retention of this program will provide an excellent opportunity to test the capacity of the central bodies to deal with an emergency disease outbreak situation. The assessment will be structured to ensure that a range of members, at different levels within each of the control bodies, are able to effectively deal with an event of this nature.
- The proposed Assessment Program - **Attachment 1**.

2. Recommendation

- That you **approve** the attached Assessment Program for 2007 (Attachment 1) in accordance with section 46(3) of the *Racing Act 2002*.

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MINISTER'S COMMENTS:

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Attachment 1

Program for Assessing the Suitability of a Control Body 2007

Assessment

The assessment will be conducted under section 46 of the *Racing Act 2002* (the Act).

Assessment Program

The preparedness of each of the control bodies to deal with an emergency animal disease outbreak at a racing venue during the conduct of a race meeting will be assessed by conducting a scenario based series of events that creates an 'exercise' disease outbreak situation at a race meeting.

Events will be generated by exercise directing staff (from the Office of Racing) that are of increasing complexity. The intent is to create a realistic situation of increasing seriousness and tempo that will require control body staff to initiate responses within a complex exercise environment. It is these responses that will form the basis of the assessment regime being undertaken.

The assessment will be conducted at a thoroughbred, harness and greyhound racing venue.

The scenario will be conducted in such a way as to ensure that the race meetings at which the assessment is conducted are not disrupted.

As part of the assessment, a review of the control bodies' policies and rules of racing in relation to emergency animal diseases will also be undertaken.

Assessment Scope

The three control bodies, namely Queensland Racing Limited, the Queensland Harness Racing Board and the Greyhound Racing Authority will be assessed for their suitability to manage their respective code of racing.

The assessment will commence in August 2007.

Conduct of Assessment

The assessment will be undertaken by the Office of Racing.

QRL Comments on draft Control Body Assessment Program Report 2007

Background

QRL has been supplied with a draft Control Body Assessment Program Report by the Queensland Office of Racing. In response thereto, QRL offers the following comments and proposed action plan for implementing the recommendations from the Report.

Comments

The report in relation to QRL's conduct in addressing the EI outbreak in 2007 is very positive and is broadly consistent with QRL's own view in respect of how the crisis was handled. Nevertheless, a few specific comments may be made:

- QRL agrees with the suggestion that the risk of introducing the EI virus into a racing precinct may have been reduced if entry was restricted to designated entry points and if mandatory decontamination was imposed prior to entry. However, as noted QRL did not have the authority to implement such measures. There are at least two potential ways to address this issue. One is to ensure that other bodies that may have the necessary authority be prepared and able to implement necessary plans in the event of a significant issue arising. Another is to provide the necessary authority in legislation to the control bodies to implement the necessary restrictions.
- In section 5 of the assessment is a suggestion that QRL's decision to hold race meetings may have increased the risk of thoroughbreds becoming infected with EI. At the time it was necessary for QRL to weigh up the risk of infection with the impact the lack of racing was having on participants in the racing industry. QRL was satisfied that the risk was sufficiently contained so as to allow limited racing to take place. The approval given by DPI&F at the time suggests that department agreed with the assessment.

Action Plan

Only one recommendation is made, namely that a review of QRL's biosecurity preparedness be undertaken. It is suggested that such a review consider five specific issues.

Two of those issues can be addressed virtually immediately without the need for further review. In particular, QRL can update the QRIEADPP document maintained by the Racing Science Centre by providing up to date information. Moreover, a protocol will be introduced ensuring such information is reviewed (and new information provided) at least quarterly.

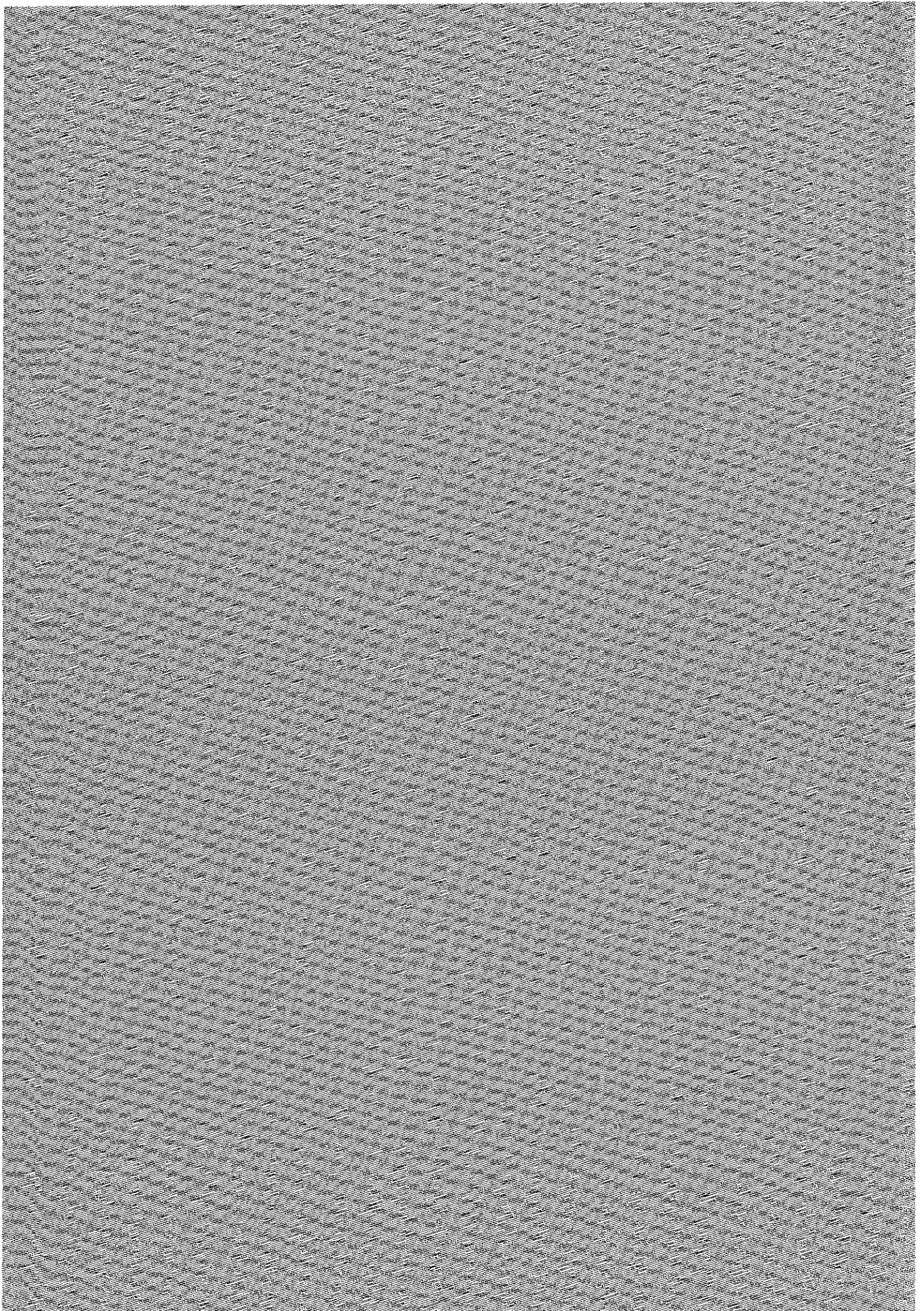
Secondly, AHA's 'Farm Biosecurity' campaign can be supported and promoted by reference in the Calendar and by information being provided directly to racing veterinarians through the racing vet database maintained by QRL's veterinary officer.

In respect of the remaining three issues to be included in the review:

- The development of a meaningful control body policy regarding biosecurity can be developed in conjunction with the AHA, DPI&F and RSC. It is anticipated that QRL's Veterinary Officer will co-ordinate this project and will have the policy prepared by the end of March 2009.
- The training provided to racing industry participants in relation to biosecurity has recently been the subject of review. As a consequence of that national industry training review, biosecurity is now included (in the national RGR08 program) as a general unit of basic training for all industry participants with more detailed training for those in operational roles. This program will be rolled out during 2009.
- Specific training for QRL staff in respect of emergency animal disease awareness will be developed with the assistance of AHA, DPI&F and RSC during the first quarter of 2009 for delivery during the second quarter of 2009. Again, this will be co-ordinated by QRL's Veterinary Officer. (You might note that a number of QRL Stewards are already trained AHA disease liaison officers).

Given the fact that the harness racing code will be facing very similar issues, it is proposed to pursue these issues in consultation with the QHRB.

Integrity Department
1 December 2008



OFFICE OF RACING REGULATION

CONTROL BODY ASSESSMENT

REPORT

2007

**QUEENSLAND
HARNESS
RACING
BOARD**

APPROVED



Mike Kelly
Executive Director, Office of Racing
Date: 17/1/09

1. BACKGROUND

Section 46 of the *Racing Act 2002* (the Racing Act) requires the Chief Executive to prepare and provide to the Minister an annual program for assessing the suitability of control bodies to manage their relevant code of racing. The program may focus on a particular control body or on a particular criterion relating to all control bodies.

In accordance with section 46(3) of the Racing Act, on 19 July 2007, the Treasurer in his former role of Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport approved the program for 2007. A copy of the approved program is contained in **(Attachment 1)**. The assessment program provided for the assessment of the Queensland Harness Racing Board (QHRB), Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) and the Greyhound Racing Authority.

In August 2007, horses in Queensland and New South Wales tested positive to the exotic equine virus, equine influenza (EI). The 2007 EI outbreak resulted in a ban on the movement of all horses (except under permit) and the cancellation of horse racing in Queensland. As a result, the management and staff of both QRL and the QHRB were heavily involved in dealing with the EI outbreak and it was impractical to conduct the assessment program.

On 25 June 2008, approval was obtained from the Treasurer to vary the 2007 assessment program for the thoroughbred and harness racing codes **(Attachment 2)**.

The powers and functions of the Chief Executive under the Racing Act relating to Assessment Programs (section 46) have been delegated to the position of Executive Director, Office of Racing.

This report contains details of the assessment of the QHRB.

2. OBJECTIVES & SCOPE

Under section 81 (s) of the Racing Act, a control body is required to have a policy for its code of racing about the welfare of licensed animals. According to the Racing Act, welfare is defined as protecting the health, safety and wellbeing of animals and licensed animals including the prevention and management of diseases (including exotic and emergent diseases) that may affect animals or licensed animals. The aim of the assessment was to determine the preparedness of each control body to deal with an emergency animal disease outbreak situation.

3. METHODOLOGY

The response of the QHRB to the 2007 EI outbreak was assessed against a number of performance based criteria **(Attachment 3)**.

4. RESOURCES

The assessment was conducted by the Office of Racing Regulation and the outcomes of the assessment were reviewed by the Executive Director, Office of Racing.

5. ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

This assessment was conducted with the benefit of hindsight. As the outbreak of EI had never before been experienced in Australia, the response was a learning experience for both the control bodies and the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F), the lead agency for the management of an emergency animal disease. The employees of the QHRB worked long hours under conditions of extreme pressure as the situation rapidly changed and evolved. While scientific advice was available there were no definitive answers.

Overall, the QHRB's performance in responding to the 2007 EI outbreak was very effective. The QHRB worked co-operatively and communicated effectively with the DPI&F.

The QHRB acted responsibly during the earliest phases of the response by cancelling all race meetings and advising all licensees not to move their licensed standardbred horses. The QHRB also ensured that all licensees complied with the horse standstill order and advised trainers of biosecurity measures which could reduce the risk of horses in their care becoming infected.

Harness racing in Queensland was completely shutdown because all racetracks were situated in South East Queensland, where the infection was active and the industry participants were widely dispersed throughout this area. The QHRB conducted one race meeting at the Redcliffe Paceway on 22 September 2007, subject to various conditions approved by the DPI&F. However the detection of EI within the Albion Park precinct prevented the conduct of any further trials or race meetings until 17 November 2007.

The QHRB was effective in advocating its stakeholder position at various levels during the response and played an active role in providing feedback on the effectiveness of the response and its effects on the harness racing industry in Queensland. The QHRB was effective in keeping its industry participants informed about the EI response through its website, SMS, direct mailing, email, industry road shows, a local community television station program and other electronic and print media.

The QHRB vaccination program was well planned, well resourced and well co-ordinated considering that the horses to be vaccinated were spread over a large geographical area. The entire cost of the vaccination program for licensed standardbred horses was borne by the QHRB. The QHRB vaccination teams vaccinated all standardbred and non-standardbred horses on the properties that they visited.

The Office of the Gene Regulator (OTGR), an office within the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aging, which provides administrative support of the national scheme for the regulation of genetically modified organisms in Australia, approved the importation of the genetically modified ProteqFlu vaccine under an Emergency Dealing Directive. The OTGR audited the QHRB and its use of the vaccine and reported that the QHRB was compliant with all conditions of the Emergency Dealing Directive.

On 13 September 2007, the QHRB declared EI a notifiable disease under Australian Harness Racing Rules 104 and 104A. Owners, persons in charge of or in possession of registered standardbred horses were required to report to the QHRB any registered standardbred horses suspected of being infected with EI or diagnosed with EI. The effectiveness of this rule was reliant upon the knowledge and honesty of the owners, persons in charge and persons in possession of infected horses or horses suspected of being infected with EI.

The QHRB also played a vital role during the response by processing horse movement permit applications prior to submission to the DPI&F and collecting and testing samples from licensed standardbred horses for exposure to the EI virus. The QHRB also assisted in resolving the status of properties previously declared as infected with EI, so that horses could be transported off these properties.

During the horse standstill order, the QHRB established racing precincts at Albion Park, Redcliffe and Parklands. The greatest risk of the EI virus infecting horses within the racing precincts was posed by licensed and non-licensed persons who previously had contact with infected horses and who had failed to properly undertake the decontamination procedures. However, as horses within only one precinct became infected, the biosecurity procedures and the preventative actions taken by the licensees were effective.

QHRB management utilised the information contained in the Queensland Racing Industry Emergency Animal Disease Preparedness Plan (QRIEADPP) during the response. However, the contact details for key personnel contained in the document were not current and are difficult to keep current in its present format. An electronic version or database which can be readily updated is recommended and should be investigated.

Though mentioned in the QHRB Animal Welfare policy, further development of the industry's emergency animal disease preparedness and biosecurity policy and procedures is recommended. While staff and licensees involved in the EI response gained invaluable knowledge and experience, as staff and licensees will leave the industry the QHRB should ensure that this knowledge is not lost from the industry.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that a review of the QHRB's biosecurity preparedness for its industry and an outline of future planning be undertaken by the QHRB. Further assistance could be obtained from Animal Health Australia (AHA), the DPI&F and the Racing Science Centre (RSC). The review should consider the following issues:

- The development of a meaningful control body policy/ sub-policy and procedures regarding biosecurity including emergency animal disease preparedness;
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- A review of QHRB's licensee training program to ensure that the content covers all aspects of biosecurity including emergency animal disease awareness and preparedness;
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- Support and promotion by the QHRB of Animal Health Australia's 'Protect Australian Livestock Campaign', called 'Farm Biosecurity' which is designed to encourage persons who use animals in their businesses to implement appropriate biosecurity as part of normal business and enterprise practice to minimise the risk of an emergency animal disease.

7. COMMENTS AND FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

On 18 November 2008 a draft copy of this report was provided to QHRL (formerly the Queensland Harness Racing Board) with a request to provide comments and to develop an action plan to implement the recommendations contained in this report by 2 December 2008.

Control Body Response:

By letter dated 28 November 2008, QHRL advised that the QHRL Board were pleased with the assessment of its response to EI and agreed to the following action plan to implement the specific issues outlined in the recommended review of QHRL's biosecurity preparedness:

1. QHRL indicated that its Animal Welfare Policy includes a commitment by QHRL to prevent and manage horse and other animal diseases which may affect its industry. As a result of the EI outbreak, QHRL developed a biosecurity plan for the racing and training of standardbred horses in Queensland.
2. QHRL agreed to transfer the key contact details of key people into an electronic database and regularly update this information;
3. QHRL agreed to review its licence training program and incorporate a section regarding biosecurity awareness;
4. QHRL agreed to incorporate biosecurity awareness training and the lessons learnt from the EI outbreak into its orientation program and as a part of the annual review process for existing staff; and
5. QHRL agreed to support and promote Animal Health Australia's 'Farm Biosecurity' campaign by incorporating it into its website and its monthly magazine at regular times during the year.

**ATTACHMENT 1
To the QHRB Report**

Program for Assessing the Suitability of a Control Body 2007

Assessment

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Assessment Program

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As part of the assessment, a review of the control bodies' policies and rules of racing in relation to emergency animal diseases will also be undertaken.

Assessment Scope

The three control bodies, namely Queensland Racing Limited, the Queensland Harness Racing Board and the Greyhound Racing Authority will be assessed for their suitability to manage their respective code of racing.

The assessment will commence in August 2007.

Conduct of Assessment

The assessment will be undertaken by the Office of Racing.

**ATTACHMENT 2
To the QHRB Report**

**Variation to the 2007 Program for Assessing the Suitability of the
Thoroughbred and Harness Control Bodies**

Assessment

The assessment will be conducted under section 46 of the *Racing Act 2002* (the Act).

Assessment Program

The preparedness of Queensland Racing Limited and the Queensland Harness Racing Board to deal with an emergency animal disease will be assessed by assessing their respective roles in the response to contain and eradicate the equine influenza virus outbreak during 2007. The assessment will take the form of a desk top investigation which will involve gathering, analysing and reviewing the relevant information.

As part of the assessment, a review of the control bodies' policies and rules of racing in relation to emergency animal diseases will also be undertaken.

Assessment Scope

Queensland Racing Limited and the Queensland Harness Racing Board will be assessed for their suitability to manage their respective code of racing in relation to emergency animal disease preparedness.

Conduct of Assessment

The assessment will be undertaken by the Office of Racing.

**ATTACHMENT 3
To the QHRB Report**

Assessment of the Queensland Harness Racing Board's (QHRB) Response to the 2007 EI Outbreak

1. **Assessment of the measures initially taken by the QHRB when information was first received that equine influenza (EI) may have infected horses within the general horse population of Australia**

Action taken by the QHRB

- On the morning of Saturday 25 August 2007, the QHRB cancelled all harness racing meetings and trials, indefinitely. This decision was taken after consultation with the Office of Racing and Queensland Racing Limited (QRL), after information had been received that horses within the Centennial Park complex in Sydney were exhibiting signs consistent with EI.
- The QHRB ensured compliance with the national 72 hour horse standstill order.
- The QHRB published a compulsory EI questionnaire to obtain details about horses which had been transferred into their stables in the previous 14 days.
- The QHRB attended the daily industry liaison and weekly EI Control Group meetings conducted by the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F).

Assessment of Action taken by the QHRB

- The QHRB acted quickly, decisively and appropriately during the first few days of the EI outbreak.
- The QHRB showed initiative by cancelling race meetings and collecting information from trainers about horses which had recently been transferred from NSW into their stables.

2. **Assessment of the measures used by the QHRB to enforce or assist with the enforcement of the initial response to the EI outbreak**

Action taken by the QHRB

- Under the *Racing Act 2002*, the QHRB is an approved control body and has wide ranging powers to manage the code of harness racing in Queensland.
- The QHRB used its powers in accordance with its policies and procedures to enforce the initial response. The policies the QHRB relied on included:
 - Licensing of race clubs;
 - Licensing of persons and animals;
 - Welfare of licensed animals; and
 - Allocation of race days & provision of funding to licensed race clubs.

- The Queensland Racing Industry Emergency Animal Disease Preparedness Plan (QRIEADPP) was developed by the Office of Racing for the QHRB and the other control bodies to assist them with the management of an emergency animal disease outbreak. The document outlines the roles of racing industry personnel in the investigative, alert, operational, stand down and recovery phases of an emergency animal disease situation. It enables staff at all levels to quickly identify the tasks they are expected to perform. The QHRB utilised this document in the initial response to the EI outbreak.
- The QHRB stewards utilised their powers under the Australian Harness Racing Rules (AHRR) to prevent horses from racing and from entering or leaving the premises under the control of a licensed person (AHRR 15(1) and 15A).
- The QHRB used its powers under the AHRR to determine dates for race meetings and to cancel, postpone and transfer race meetings (AHRR 21, 22, 53, 54, 55, 56 and 57).
- During the outbreak, stewards were deployed to racetracks to ensure licensed horses stabled at the tracks were not moved by licensees to exercise them.

Assessment of Action taken by the QHRB

- The actions taken by the QHRB were effective in ensuring that industry participants complied with the horse standstill order.
- The licensed trainers understood the gravity of the situation and co-operated with the QHRB.

3. Assessment of the effectiveness of racing precincts established by the QHRB

Action taken by the QHRB

- The racing precinct involved defining an area around a racetrack, where horses which were stabled within that area were walked to the track to be exercised and later raced. Horses stabled outside the defined area were not permitted to be walked or transported to the racetrack.
- The QHRB developed the racing precinct concept as a solution to the animal welfare concerns posed by horses restricted to their stables.
- The QHRB created racing precincts at the Albion Park, Parklands (Gold Coast) and Redcliffe race tracks. Rocklea and Marburg were considered unsuitable because there were no horses stabled on course and there was a perceived risk that horses within these areas were co-mingling with horses from the non-racing sector, thus increasing the risk of becoming infected with EI.
- The racing precincts established by the QHRB involved a relatively small proportion of the at-risk standardbred horse population as very few standardbred horses were stabled within the racing precincts. The majority of licensed harness racing premises are scattered across South East Queensland, with many located on acreage or larger allotments. The number of horses and licensed persons within the precincts were significantly less than the numbers present within the precincts created by QRL.

- The QHRB was responsible for assessing and accepting the risks associated with the establishment of the racing precincts and the activities occurring within them.
- The QHRB assessed each application received from trainers on the basis of the infection risk posed by human and transport movement within the racing precinct.
- With the horse standstill order in place, the highest risk of infection entering a racing precinct was from the movement of humans. Drivers, trainers, stable staff and non-licensed sub-contractors who maintained contact with horses outside of the precinct posed the greatest risk.
- The QHRB stewards strictly controlled access to the racetrack and initially allocated specific times to trainers to exercise their horses. If the trainer failed to arrive at the allotted time then that trainer was not able to access the racetrack that day. Biosecurity measures were also implemented. It should be noted that after consultation with the DPI&F, the QHRB allowed trainers to train their horses at any time as the mixing of these horses was not considered to significantly increase the infection risk.
- On 26 September 2007, standardbred horses within the Albion Park precinct tested positive to the EI virus. It is not known how the EI virus entered the Albion Park precinct but the most likely way was via a contaminated fomite (e.g. human, gear, fodder, etc) being introduced into a stable. It should be noted that aerosol spread of the virus has not been totally discounted.
- Harness trainer, Mr D. Hooper and part-owner, Mr B. Hooper were both disqualified by QHRB stewards for 6 months and fined \$500 for various breaches of the Australian Harness Racing Rules. On appeal to the Racing Appeals Tribunal, Mr D. Hooper's penalty was varied to a 1 month suspension and a fine of \$1500.

Assessment of Action taken by the QHRB

- The development of racing precincts at Parklands, Albion Park and Redcliffe is not considered to have significantly increased the infection risk because of the relative close proximity of the stables to each other and the low number of persons and horses involved.
- The decision to establish racing precincts was made on animal welfare grounds as horses were restricted to their stables and could not be exercised.
- The QHRB implemented all appropriate measures to minimise the risk of infection. The QHRB stewards were diligent and thorough in policing the requirements under which trainers were permitted to exercise the horses in their care. This is demonstrated by the action taken by stewards against harness racing trainer, Mr D. Hooper and the part-owner, Mr B. Hooper.
- While the QHRB implemented all appropriate measures to minimise the risk of infection and the QHRB stewards were diligent and thorough in policing the requirements under which trainers were permitted to exercise the horses in their care, the QHRB had to rely upon the co-operation and commonsense of the licensed persons and unlicensed persons entering the precinct to comply with the biosecurity measures.

- The monitoring of the movements of licensed persons outside of the racing precinct may have assisted in preventing the spread of EI into the Albion Park precinct. However, in view of the QHRB's limited resources and the significantly increased workload of all QHRB employees during this period, it would be unreasonable to have expected the QHRB to have been able to do this. In the circumstances, it is assessed that the actions taken by the QHRB were appropriate.

4. Assessment of the procedures used by the QHRB to regulate the activities within the racing precincts during the standstill

Action taken by the QHRB

- The QHRB required the race clubs within the racing precincts to apply to the QHRB for approval to conduct track work. Approval was granted subject to a number of conditions imposed by both the DPI&F and QHRB. The race clubs were responsible for implementation of the biosecurity plan and procedures. QHRB stewards were responsible for supervising the implementation of biosecurity measures by race clubs.
- Licensed trainers, within the racing precinct, were required to apply to the QHRB for approval to walk racehorses to a particular approved race track for the purpose of exercising their nominated horses. Approval was granted subject to a number of conditions. Trainers were also required to keep details of horses in work, staff and sub-contractors working in the stable, a log of people entering and leaving their stable and twice daily temperature records of the horses within their stable.
- Information sessions were conducted for trainers, drivers and stable hands with regard to the new arrangements.
- The QHRB stewards relied on AHRR 238 and 239 to ensure compliance with the procedures put in place.

Rule 238 states:

"A person shall not fail to comply with any order, direction or requirement of the Controlling Body or the Stewards relating to Harness Racing or the Harness Racing Industry."

Rule 239 states:

"A person shall not do anything which can only be done at the order, direction or requirement of the Controlling Body or the Stewards in the absence of contrary to, such order, direction or requirement."

Assessment of Action taken by the QHRB

- The procedures implemented by the QHRB were effective in regulating the movement of horses within the racing precinct.
- The procedures outlined above were effective in keeping a record of events occurring within the racing precincts. While there was no monitoring of the movements of licensed persons and subcontractors into and out of the racing precinct, in view of the workload of QHRB employees during the EI outbreak and the additional resources that would have been required to do this, it is understandable that it was not done.

5. Assessment of other measures taken by the QHRB to reduce the risk of EI infecting licensed standardbred horses in Queensland.

Action taken by the QHRB

- On 13 September 2007, the QHRB ordered, pursuant to AHRR 104 and 104A, that EI be declared a notifiable disease or condition. (AHRR 104 and 104A required persons who own, are in charge of, or in possession of horses suspected of, or diagnosed with being infected with a contagious disease or condition, to notify the Controlling Body as soon as possible or within 24 hours of becoming aware of the horse's condition.)
- The QHRB required the introduction of strict biosecurity measures at race tracks and licensed premises, as approved by the Chief Inspector of Stock, DPI&F. Biosecurity measures were one of the measures used to prevent humans from infecting susceptible horses with the EI virus.
- On 22 September 2007, the QHRB held a DPI&F approved harness race meeting at the Redcliffe Paceway. The general public was excluded from this race meeting.

Assessment of Action taken by the QHRB

- It is assessed that the QHRB's actions in advising licensees of the requirement to comply with AHRR 104 and 104A and to notify the QHRB of any registered racing standardbred horses suspected of being infected with EI was effective in preventing the further spread of EI.
- While the QHRB's decision to hold a harness race meeting at Redcliffe may have increased the risk of licensed standardbred horses becoming infected with EI due to large numbers of horses and people attending the meeting from multiple areas within the Red Zone, the meeting was approved by the DPI&F. The DPI&F would not have approved the race meeting if it considered the meeting would have resulted in an unacceptable risk of the infection spreading. The exclusion of the general public, the introduction of biosecurity measures and the monitoring of horse body temperatures assisted in reducing the risk of infection. Also, this race meeting took place nearly 4 weeks after EI had been detected in the general Australian horse population and during this time a much clearer picture of the distribution of the infection had been established.

6. Assessment of the level of communication undertaken by the QHRB with the various groups during the EI response.

Action taken by QHRB

- The QHRB was represented at the weekly meetings of the Queensland Equine Influenza Control Group, the Premier's State Disaster Management Group and daily meetings of the DPI&F Horse Industry Forum.
- The QHRB was represented by Harness Racing Australia (HRA) (formerly the Australian Harness Racing Council) at meetings of the National Management Group (NMG) and Consultative Committee for Emergency Animal Disease (CCEAD).

- The QHRB kept its industry participants informed via its website, SMS messaging, direct mail, email, local television station Briz 31, radio, newspapers, industry roadshows, telephone information lines and fax.
- There was close, open and forthright communication between the QHRB Chief Executive, the Director-General of DPI&F, the Managing Director of Biosecurity Queensland, the Chief Veterinary Officer, the Chief Inspector of Stock and other Biosecurity Queensland personnel associated with the EI response.

Assessment of Action taken by the QHRB

- The QHRB was effective in conveying its position on various issues relating to the EI response, including vaccination and the effect of the horse standstill and zone changes on its industry.
- The QHRB via the HRA had industry representation and was involved in the decision making process at the highest levels of the EI response (NMG and CCEAD).
- The QHRB used a variety of media in order to communicate with all licensed persons and other persons associated with the industry. It was difficult to assess the effectiveness of the QHRB's communication with the industry participants.

7. Assessment of the effectiveness of and compliance with QHRB's vaccination program during the EI outbreak.

Action taken by the QHRB

- The initial supplies of the ProteqFlu vaccine were limited. The horse racing sector (including the QHRB) lobbied the Federal government for first access to the vaccine as a business risk mitigation strategy. As a result, the QHRB was provided with a proportion of the first shipment of vaccine.
- The QHRB developed a strategy to vaccinate all standardbred horses within racing precincts, private stables outside of racing precincts, spelling and agistment farms and studs located within the area where infection was still active i.e. the Red Zone.
- On 29 September 2007, the QHRB commenced its EI vaccination program by vaccinating all standardbred and non-standardbred horses within uninfected racing precincts and other properties housing uninfected standardbred horses.
- A significant proportion of the Queensland standardbred horse population was located in the area where EI was active.
- All veterinary staff subcontracted by the QHRB to administer the genetically modified canary pox vaccine (ProteqFlu) had successfully completed the Animal Health Australia (AHA) on-line vaccination training.
- The QHRB and Garrards Equine Veterinary Practice were responsible for the storage, distribution, handling and administration of the ProteqFlu vaccine, in

accordance with the requirements of the Office of the Gene Regulator (OTGR) and the DPI&F.

- The OTGR conducted an audit of the storage, distribution, handling and administration of the ProteqFlu vaccine in Queensland, to ensure compliance with the conditions of the Emergency Dealing Directive for the ProteqFlu vaccine. Officials from the QHRB assisted with the compliance audit.
- On Monday 29 October 2007, the QHRB proceeded with the second round of the EI vaccination program.
- On 26 November 2007, the QHRB announced the voluntary vaccination of standardbred horses within the Green Zone (uninfected zone). The QHRB subsidised the cost of the vaccine, the microchip and a portion of the veterinary surgeon's fee.
- As of 22 February 2008, the QHRB had distributed and administered 7900 doses of the ProteqFlu vaccine to standardbred horses in Queensland.
- On 11 March 2008, the QHRB announced that it would continue with the third round of EI vaccination on a voluntary user pays basis. The vaccination of foals would also be on a voluntary basis but with the costs borne by the QHRB.
- On 14 March 2008, the NMG announced that until 30 June 2008, horse owners could continue to access the ProteqFlu vaccine to complete the scheduled course of vaccination (third dose) where it was approved by the State Chief Veterinary Officer. Access was granted on a voluntary, self-funded basis.
- On 20 March 2008, DPI&F announced that Queensland was provisionally free of EI and horse movement restrictions were significantly relaxed.

Assessment of Action taken by the QHRB

- The first two rounds of the QHRB's vaccination program were well resourced and well executed particularly as many of the licensed properties were dispersed over a wide geographical region.
- The OTGR audit found the QHRB to be compliant with all conditions of the Emergency Dealing Directive.

8. Assessment of the measures taken by the QHRB to resolve the status of licensed premises housing licensed standardbred horses previously infected with EI.

Action taken by the QHRB

- The DPI&F directed that horses could only be moved from infected properties once the status of the property was resolved.
- The QHRB developed an application pack (application form, statutory declaration from trainer or property owner, details of horses on the property and a veterinary certificate) for QHRB trainers or property owners to complete

and submit to the QHRB. The QHRB stewards would check the information and if completed satisfactorily, submit them to the DPI&F for approval.

- The QHRB arranged for blood samples to be collected from horses on 81 properties reported to have been infected with EI and arranged for testing of the samples. Horses which tested positive were assumed to have been infected. Horses which tested negative were re-sampled after 14 days. If the second test was also negative then it was assumed that the horse was not infected with EI and would need to be vaccinated.

Assessment of Action taken by the QHRB

- The QHRB's actions are considered to have been effective in assisting to resolve the status of licensed premises housing licensed standardbred horses previously infected with EI.
- The application pack developed by the QHRB was a good initiative as it assisted the DPI&F by managing the information flow and ensured all applications received had been pre-screened by the QHRB to ensure all information was present.
- The serological testing of horses reported to have been infected with EI also greatly assisted the DPI&F, as it provided useful information about the spread of the disease. It also assisted standardbred horse owners as this was the first step in permitting horse movements from the properties previously infected, so that standardbred horses could begin training and racing again.

9. Assessment of the QHRB's response to the EI zones implemented by the DPI&F

Significant events/ actions

- On 20 September 2008, DPI&F introduced a two zone system (Red and Green Zones) to allow horse movement in some areas of Queensland. Essentially there was free horse movement (provided a waybill was completed prior to the movement) within the Green Zone. In the Red Zone, horse movement was restricted and horses could only be moved under permit.
- On 21 September 2008, the QHRB provided advice regarding the EI biosecurity plan, including associated requirements for drivers, farriers, veterinarians, clerk of the course horses, mobile barriers and racing standardbred horses in Queensland.
- The QHRB was responsible for seeking approval from the Chief Inspector of Stock (DPI&F) to hold race meetings within the Red Zone.
- On 7 December 2007, the two zone system became a three zone system (Red, Amber and Green). A new Amber Zone was declared between the two vaccination buffer zones. Horses in the Amber Zone were able to be ridden and walked freely within the zone and if transported by vehicle, a waybill had to be completed. All horse events in the Amber Zone required approval from the Chief Inspector of Stock (DPI&F). In the Red Zone, horses could be moved by vehicle provided a permit was obtained and full decontamination of

the horse, trailer or any other vehicle used to transport the horse was undertaken.

- Horses from the Amber or Green Zones could race in the Red Zone provided they were fully vaccinated and had the necessary travel permit. They could return to the Amber or Green Zone provided stringent quarantine and testing protocols were complied with and a permit obtained to do so. Horses resident within the Red Zone were, generally not permitted to move into the Amber or Green Zones.
- All race tracks used by the QHRB were located within the Red Zone and the QHRB was responsible for seeking approval from the Chief Inspector of Stock (DPI&F) to hold race meetings within the Red Zone.
- In December 2007, the QHRB set up a DPI&F approved quarantine station at the Rocklea Showgrounds to enable 6 standardbred horses to be transported to Victoria to compete in the 2008 Inter Dominion Series.
- On 27 February 2008, the Red Zone was reclassified as the Amber Zone and the remainder of Queensland was reclassified as the White Zone. This reclassification further relaxed the restrictions on horse movements.
- On 14 March 2008, Queensland was provisionally declared free of EI when the Amber Zone was reclassified as the Green Zone. The remainder of Queensland was still classified as the White Zone. Horse movements within the Green and White Zones required the completion of a waybill. Movements between the two zones required the completion of a Queensland Horse Inter-zone Declaration.

Assessment of the QHRB's response

- The QHRB worked constructively with the DPI&F to ensure that any potential problems with the zoning arrangements were resolved prior to their implementation. The QHRB ensured licensees complied with the zoning arrangements and the associated horse movement requirements.

10. Assessment of the control over the movement of vaccinated and recovered horses by the QHRB

Action taken by the QHRB

- On 25 September 2007, the QHRB suspended the movement of all licensed standardbred horses within the Red Zone until such time as all uninfected horses had been vaccinated and had protective immunity against EI.
- After the second round of vaccinations had been completed, the QHRB released the "Horse Movement and Return to Racing Action Plan" for the movement of standardbred horses for the purposes of training, trialling and racing. The Plan had been developed in consultation with the DPI&F and the Breeders, Owners, Trainers and Reinspersons Association (BOTRA) and outlined the specific dates and times as to when harness racing horses could be trained, trialled and future dates for race meetings.

- The QHRB required all licensed trainers within the Red Zone who wished to transport or move registered standardbred horses, to complete applications for any single movements and multi-movements. The QHRB reviewed all applications and submitted them to the DPI&F for approval.

Assessment of Action taken by the QHRB

- The QHRB's control over horse movements demonstrates its ability to manage its industry participants and licensed animals during the EI outbreak.
- The QHRB greatly assisted the DPI&F by managing the flow and quality of information to the DPI&F, thereby decreasing the workload for the DPI&F's horse movement permit section.

11. Assessment of the QHRB's emergency animal disease preparedness policies and procedures

- The QHRB's animal welfare policy states that it "draws upon Animal Health Australia (AHA) and standard policies and procedures developed by AHA to develop performance standards and establish national benchmarks against which animal health services can be measured in the context of continual improvement."
- AHA is a not-for-profit public company established by the Australian, state and territory governments and major national livestock industry organisations. The company's mission is to ensure that the national animal health system delivers a competitive advantage and preferred market access for Australia's livestock industries. In fulfilling this role, AHA manages a suite of national programs that position Australia as a world leader in terms of its animal health status and systems. One of the programs involves emergency animal disease preparedness and under this program, AHA conducts emergency animal disease awareness and industry liaison officer training for industry representatives.
- The Queensland Racing Industry Emergency Animal Disease Preparedness Plan (QRIEADPP) was developed by the Office of Racing on behalf of the three codes of racing. The document outlines the roles of racing industry personnel in the investigative, alert, operational, stand down and recovery phases of an emergency animal disease situation. It also contains strategies for the Queensland racing industry to adopt to underpin an effective emergency animal disease response and was developed so that staff at all levels can quickly identify what tasks they are expected to perform.
- The QHRB has no formal documented policy position on emergency animal disease preparedness.
- The contact details of key personnel contained in the QRIEADPP document requires regular updating to maintain its currency. An electronic database containing the contact details of key people and organisations able to assist in the event of an emergency animal disease outbreak could be developed and would be easier to keep current.

12. Recommendations

It is recommended that a review of the QHRB's biosecurity preparedness for its industry and an outline of future planning to be undertaken by the QHRB. Further assistance could be obtained from Animal Health Australia (AHA), the DPI&F and the RSC. The review should consider the following issues:

- The development of a meaningful control body policy/ sub-policy and procedures regarding biosecurity including emergency animal disease preparedness;
- The contact details contained within the QRIEADPP document be updated regularly to maintain its currency and that an electronic database containing the contact details of key people and organisations able to assist in the response to an emergency animal disease outbreak, be developed;
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- Ongoing training for existing and new QHRB staff with regard to emergency animal disease preparedness, for example, industry liaison officer training and emergency animal disease awareness training; and
- Support and promotion by the QHRB of Animal Health Australia's 'Protect Australian Livestock Campaign', called 'Farm Biosecurity' which is designed to encourage persons who use animals in their businesses to implement appropriate biosecurity as part of normal business and enterprise practice to minimise the risk of an emergency animal disease.



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ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

POLICY HISTORY

Version	Date	Prepared by	Approved by
Original	29 June 2004	Gail Cartwright	QHR Board
Update (1)	26 June 2007	Rod Brough	QHR Board
Update (2)	1 July 2008	Transferred from QHRB	QHRL

COMMENCEMENT DATE

This policy comes into effect on 1 July 2008.

PURPOSE

Queensland Harness Racing Limited trading as Harness Racing Queensland (HRQ) is authorised by law to make policy for the purpose of good management of the code of harness racing. Section 81(s) of the *Racing Act 2002* requires HRQ to make a policy on the welfare of licensed animals involved in the harness racing industry in Queensland.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the welfare of licensed horses is maintained while they are involved in harness racing and training, and other activities associated with harness racing and training.

POLICY STATEMENT

HRQ is committed to the welfare of licensed harness racing horses. The maintenance of appropriate welfare standards is critical to the viability of the standardbred racing industry.

The Racing Act defines 'welfare' of an animal to mean protecting the health, safety and wellbeing of the animal, including:

- drug control relating to animals
- the prevention and management of diseases that may affect animals.

HRQ *Animal Welfare Policy* has been developed in conjunction with the requirements of the Racing Act and the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*, which imposes a duty on a person in charge of an animal to ensure the welfare of the animal is protected and maintained. Other legislation that impacts on the standards developed for the protection of animal welfare include:

- *Biological Control Act 1987*
- *Health Act 1937* and subordinate legislation
- *Drugs Standard Adopting Act 1976*
- *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 (C'with)* and subordinate legislation.

Current standards for the welfare of licensed harness racing horses largely reflect those originally devised by the International Group of Specialist Racing Veterinarians (IGSRV), an association of regulatory veterinarians employed with horse racing authorities around the world.

HRQ, as a member of Harness Racing Australia (HRA) is a member Animal Health Australia (AHA). It also liaises with the Australian Veterinary Association, and the Australian Equine Veterinary Association. AHA is an advisory group to HRA when developing standards in relation to animal welfare, which includes drug control and disease management.

HRQ therefore draws on AHA and standard practices and procedures developed by AHA to develop performance standards and establish national benchmarks against which animal health services can be measured in the context of continual improvement. HRA has also appointed a specialist veterinary consultant to advise on all veterinary matters, and it consults with a variety of stakeholders in the harness racing industry and animal welfare groups prior to establishing rules. As members of HRA, the control bodies of all states also have linkages to the International Trotting Association.

It is the policy of HRQ that, to ensure that appropriate standards for the welfare of licensed standardbred racing animals are maintained, the following activities will be undertaken on a regular basis:

- Standards, procedures and rules will be established and scientific information reviewed regularly, regarding issues relevant to animal welfare, including:
 - the husbandry and keeping of horses in urban surroundings
 - travelling with horses
 - racing in extreme conditions
 - racecourse conditions
 - racecourse accommodation for licensed horses
 - misuse of whips
 - the use of prohibited substances on licensed horses
 - pregnant mares
 - euthanasia
 - emergency disease protocol
 - veterinarian inspections.

- Education and training delivered by HRQ to licensees and other stakeholders in the Queensland harness racing industry will contain components on animal welfare relevant to the role performed by the person receiving the training.
- Information will be provided to owners of licensed standardbred horses about responsible horse ownership, via the *Queensland Harness Racing* magazine and the HRQ web site.
- Information will be provided to trainers of licensed standardbred horses about good horsemanship, training methods, shoeing, transporting animals and rest periods, via the *Queensland Harness Racing* magazine and HRQ web site.
- Regular audits will be undertaken of licensed horses in the control of licensed trainers to assess whether the animals are being cared for according to established standards for animal welfare.
- Prior to issuing licences to people involved in caring for racing horses, HRQ will assess the person's knowledge of animal welfare policies and procedures.
- Any licence issued by HRQ to a person involved in caring for licensed horses may be immediately suspended in the event that a HRQ employee forms the belief during the conduct of an audit of a licensee that the safety of horses is in danger and that belief is reviewed and adopted by the Director of Racing or another person appointed by HRQ.
- Disciplinary action is to be taken against people who fail to ensure that licensed racing horses are cared for in a manner that ensures that the welfare of the animal is maintained according to established standards.

Increasing focus on the protection of the welfare of licensed racing animals is linked to other policies of HRQ, including education and training, and licensing people and racing venues.

APPLICATION

This policy applies to all people:

- having care and control of a licensed racing horse
- involved in the caring for a licensed racing horse.

DEFINITIONS

This policy adopts the terminology used in the *Racing Act 2002*. Schedule 3 of the *Racing Act* contains a dictionary of words used in the Act and may be accessed via the internet at www.legislation.qld.gov.au, under the 'R' tab.

PROCEDURES

HRQ has developed, or will develop, procedures for activities that relate to the welfare of licensed racing horses; and these procedures will form part of this policy.

Review

This policy, and all procedures associated with this policy, will be reviewed when required.

Rules of racing

Rules of racing provide for the application of this policy.

This policy was made by the Queensland Harness Racing Limited on 1 July 2008 under s. 81(s) of the *Racing Act 2002*. For further information contact the HRQ on 3624 8900, or visit the HRQ web site at www.harness.org.au/qld.



EQUINE INFLUENZA BIOSECURITY PLAN FOR HORSE RACING & TRAINING IN QUEENSLAND

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1. Summary

Queensland is implementing the principles and protocols of the AUSVETPLAN Disease Strategy for Equine Influenza (EI) in response to any infection identified in the state.

The total number of Infected Premises (IP) in Queensland is 2158 (as at 6 Nov 07). All new cases remain within recognised areas of infection.

Queensland has identified a number of locations where standardbred racing can be permitted without undermining the effectiveness of the wider disease control policy. Allowance for racing activities under tightly controlled circumstances will help to mitigate the significant financial consequences of this disease outbreak on the racing industry. Meetings will be restricted to horses who have received a second dose of vaccine (under the 28-day vaccination regime) as well as those from infected properties who have recovered from the virus and shown no signs of EI for 30-days.

Race meetings will operate under strict biosecurity control measures and have restrictive barriers between the public and horses.

This policy identifies the locations in which horse racing may occur in Queensland, and the conditions under which meetings will be held. This document includes important information on key issues:

- Identification of racetracks within Queensland;
- Explanation of restricted zones for horses and humans within the race track;
- Identification of authorised personnel;
- Biosecurity control measures to be implemented by authorised personnel; and
- Security and compliance measures to be implemented directly by the Queensland Harness Racing Board

2. Scope

2.1. The Plan applies to any racing event in Queensland approved by the Chief Inspector of Stock for the racing of standardbreds

2.2. The Plan will apply until any movement restrictions on horses imposed under the *Exotic Diseases in Animals (Equine Influenza) Notice No. 222, 2007*, are revoked

2.3. The Plan applies to race meetings at racetracks where public attendees, if allowed, and certain categories of staff are excluded from the zone (Red Zone) in which the horses are contained

3. Consultation

- 3.1. In consultation with the Consultative Committee for Exotic Animal Diseases (CCEAD), Queensland Harness Racing Board Administrators and the Horse Industry, Queensland Harness Racing Board and Biosecurity Queensland have developed policy, legislation and procedures for the conduct of racing in Queensland.
- 3.2. The proposed movement conditions and biosecurity requirements are based on the current knowledge of the disease situation and can be further refined over time as the disease situation evolves.
- 3.3. Amendments to the Plan may be necessary from time to time and will be carried out after consultation between Queensland Harness Racing Board, Biosecurity Queensland and CCEAD.

4. Background

- 4.1. EI infection in Queensland is currently restricted to six (6) localities within South East Queensland (Warwick, Minden, Rosewood, Mt Tamborine, Brisbane Western Suburbs, and Goondiwindi).
- 4.2. New infected premises now being detected are limited to known tracings or lateral spread with these localities.
- 4.3. Known equine influenza infection occurred in close proximity to only one race track, and that occurred on 24 September with all horses having recovered and returned to training on 16 October. All other racing precincts have remained free of the virus. There is now reason to ease movement conditions for racing horses in Queensland based on risk management principles.

5. Policy and Legislation

The movements of horses throughout the state continues to be restricted to limited movements under the newly gazetted *Exotic Diseases in Animals Act (Equine influenza) Notice 2007*. This Notice defines three broad restricted areas across the state. The Notice permits horses to move within a restricted area to an event, subject to approval by the Chief Inspector of Stock.

Approvals for racing events will be underpinned by section 8 of the *Exotic Diseases in Animals (Equine Influenza) Notice No. 222, 2007*, that provides for the Chief Inspector to approve events as follows;

1. The Chief Inspector may approve an event for this notice only if satisfied the holding of the event is not likely to spread equine influenza within the restricted area in which it is to be held.

2. In approving an event for the notice, the Chief Inspector-
 - 2.1. Must have regard to the following-
 - 2.1.1 The distance between the event and any quarantine area;
 - 2.1.2 How animals of the family *Equidae* are to be moved to the event, and where they are to be moved from;
 - 2.1.3 Whether spectators are to be present at the event;
 - 2.1.4 If spectators are to be present at the event – the likely extent of the contact between the spectators and animals of the family *Equidae* at the event; and
 - 2.2 May have regard to other matters the chief inspector considers relevant.
3. If the Chief Inspector approves an event for this notice, the Chief Inspector must, before the event is held, publish notice of the approval –
 - 3.1 On the department's website; or
 - 3.2 In a newspaper circulating generally in the area in which the event is to be held; or
4. The notice must –
 - 4.1 Clearly identify the event, and the place and time at which it is to be held; and
 - 4.2 State that the event is an event approved for this notice.
5. The Stock Inspector may require a permit for the movement.

Complimentary legislation and rules are contained within the *Racing Act 2002* and the *Australian Harness Racing Rules*. Queensland Harness Racing Stewards are empowered to enforce this rule.

Rule 104 in brief declares equine influenza to be a notifiable disease and requires persons in control of horses to:

Report suspicion of EI;

Keep the horse separate from non-infected horses;

Empowers Stewards to declare a contaminated place or vehicle infected;

Restricts the movement of animals, fodder and fittings;

Requires to the satisfaction of a steward the disinfection of animals, fodder, fittings or vehicles.

The Plan is also considered consistent with AUSVETPLAN, Disease Strategy for Equine Influenza Version 3, 2007. The relevant AUSVETPLAN overall policy is to control and eradicate EI by:

- quarantine and movement controls of equines, their products and other potentially contaminated items to prevent the spread of infection
- decontamination of facilities, equipment and other items to eliminate the spread of the disease agent from infected animals and premises
- tracing and surveillance to determine the source and extent of infection; and
- an awareness campaign to encourage cooperation by the industry and the community.

6. Approved Precincts

6.1 To ensure that Queensland Harness Racing Board is positioned to adequately control this process, it is agreed that initially the following clubs are able to conduct restricted access race meetings:

- Albion Park Harness Racing Club
- Redcliffe Peninsula Harness Racing Club
- Gold Coast Harness Racing Club
- Metropolitan Harness Racing Club (Rocklea)
- Marburg Harness Racing Club

6.2 Racetracks will be further subdivided into exclusion zones.

6.2.1 Red zone– will contain horses and authorised persons only (see 6.1) entry and exit are subject to security and decontamination procedures. Single points of entry and exit must be designated in plans for the site. Security guards must control entry and exit

6.2.2 Amber zone – the buffer area will restricted to security personnel only. Only designated security personnel can be present in the zone. Appropriate barriers must be present to allow movement controls to be effective

6.2.3 Green zone – will be accessible to the general public including owners, no entry from this area to Areas 1 & 2 will be available to the public

- 6.2.4 Maps providing the layouts of zones at racetracks must be provided to the Chief Inspector with applications for holding events

7. Authorised Personnel

7.1 Authorised Personnel at Racing Precincts

Red Zone Only

Trainers
Drivers
Stablehands
Integrity Services Officials
Veterinary Surgeons
Barrier Attendants and Track Staff
Race Caller
Approved Broadcast Staff
Farrier
Clerk of Course & Horses

Green Zone Only

Bookmakers
Outside Broadcast Staff
Media

- 7.2 Authorised persons names and addresses must be recorded in a register held by the Club. The Chief Executive Officer or delegate must ensure authorised persons are aware of their responsibilities and have indicated their understanding and willingness to comply with the requirements.

8. Procedures

- 8.1. General - the following control measures will be implemented and will be directly supervised by key Queensland Harness Racing Board officials.
- 8.1.1. Clubs are required to ensure that the general public must not be permitted to come into physical contact with any horse on a race day, also that the general public does not come into contact with any authorised person who have contact with or work in horse only areas.
- 8.1.2. Clubs must conduct stringent background checks to ensure no authorised personnel who have close contact with horses has moved between Queensland and New South Wales or to properties considered infected or suspect at any time for equine influenza, within the previous 7 days.

- 8.1.3. Persons must present themselves for work showered within 2 hours, wearing clean/fresh laundered clothing and footwear, which has been cleared of organic matter and thoroughly disinfected with a disinfectant such as Virkon.
- 8.1.4. That such persons have undertaken a thorough personal decontamination process upon entry and exit of the facility.
- 8.1.5. That such persons have thoroughly decontaminated any work related gear prior to entering and exiting the facility.
- 8.1.6. That under no circumstances are drivers (including stablehands) to go to other training facilities, tracks or premises that hold any other types of horses. Specifically persons are not to come into contact with any horses outside the training facility or racetrack at which they are driving.

8.2. The following positions will be required to undergo additional biosecurity requirements, as listed below:

8.2.1. Drivers

- 8.2.1.1. Seek Queensland Harness Racing Board approval to participate at restricted race meetings
- 8.2.1.2. All race day clothing and equipment (helmet, whip, saddle, packing and riding boots) to be freshly laundered or thoroughly cleaned prior to entering racecourse
- 8.2.1.3. Not less than 2 hours prior to their first drive, present themselves to an official within the drivers room, who will supervise a thorough decontamination of all equipment
- 8.2.1.4. All drivers are required to shower prior to putting on their riding gear
- 8.2.1.5. At the completion of each drivers engagements for the day, they must shower, put all soiled clothing in a plastic bag (to be supplied), clean and disinfect all gear (helmet, whip, saddle, packing and riding boots) and pack separately to the soiled clothing. **Trainer's gear and clothing to be placed into separate bags (i.e. green). Driver's gear and**

clothing to be placed into a different bag (i.e. black)

- 8.2.1.5. Laundering of driving clothes must be carried out immediately after the race meeting has been completed or on returning to residence.
- 8.2.1.6. Drivers must use a secure designated entry and exit from the Red Zone. They must avoid direct personal contact (e.g. shaking hands, kissing, hugging) with anybody.
- 8.2.1.7. All Interstate drivers are required to seek Queensland Harness Racing Board approval prior to accepting drives within Queensland. No equipment is to be travelled from Interstate and any equipment intended to be utilised must be either new or sourced from an approved area within Queensland.

8.2.2. Farriers

- 8.2.2.1. Must be approved by Queensland Harness Racing Board.
- 8.2.2.2. Prior to entering premises, farriers must ensure that their work clothes are freshly laundered and their boots and farrier tools are cleaned with soaps or detergent and sterilised with approved disinfectant.
- 8.2.2.3. All farrier tools must be presented for inspection to Stewards prior to the commencement of duties.
- 8.2.2.4. Farriers should not attend to leisure horses while they are working at approved restricted racing precincts.

8.2.3. Veterinarians

- 8.2.3.1. Must be approved by Queensland Harness Racing Board.
- 8.2.3.2. Prior to entering premises veterinarians must ensure that their work clothes are freshly laundered and their footwear and all veterinary equipment are cleaned and sterilised with an approved disinfectant.

8.2.4. Clerk of Course Horses

8.2.4.1. Only horses stabled within the zone are to be utilised.

8.2.4.2. All such horses must undergo a thorough veterinary examination in the morning prior to the race meeting.

8.2.5. Vehicle Access to Facility

8.2.5.1. Restricted to essential vehicles only.

8.2.5.2. Decontamination of vehicles prior to entering and exiting the facility, with the use of high-pressure water appliances.

8.2.5.3. Any vehicle not leaving the facility will undergo decontamination prior to the commencement and at the expiration of the race meeting.

8.2.6. Mobile Barrier and Stand Start Strands

8.2.6.1. Must be thoroughly disinfected prior to the start and at the conclusion of each race meeting.

8.2.6.2. Barrier attendants must avoid contact with the general public and not enter any public areas of the course during a meeting.

8.3. Racing horses

8.3.1. Meetings are restricted to horses who have received a second dose of vaccine (under the 28-day vaccination regime) greater than 14-days prior, as well as those from infected properties who have a resolved property status.

8.3.2. All horses must be monitored at least twice daily to ensure temperatures are normal and for any clinical signs suspicious for EI.

8.3.3. Horses in which any elevation of temperature or any other relevant clinical signs must be reported and further examined by a veterinarian.

8.3.4. Horses must be contained within the Red zone during the meeting. Where any chance of contact with the public is possible strappers are required to walk between their horse and the public.

- 8.3.5. Each horse must be brought to the track at the commencement of each race with its own dedicated tie-up leads.
- 8.3.6. A freshly decontaminated barrier number will be used per horse per race and designated strappers allocated to each trainer.
- 8.3.7. No sharing of gear or equipment between trainers is permitted.

8.4. Specific Decontamination Procedures

- 8.4.1. Personal decontamination by showering and washing with detergents and soaps is essential. Body washes containing chlorhexidine are highly effective.
- 8.4.2. Clothing must be freshly laundered on arrival and must again be laundered as soon as possible after leaving the Precinct.
- 8.4.3. Decontamination of inanimate objects and footwear should be by scrupulous cleaning with detergent or soaps and wetting agents, then disinfection with quaternary ammonium compounds, (Hibitane, Glitz Pine) Virkon or bleaching agents containing hypochlorite.
- 8.4.4. Where necessary high-pressure sprays may be used and these are usually more efficient in use of water than low-pressure applications.
- 8.4.5. There should be footbaths, buckets/troughs provided in the drivers room with sufficient disinfectant to allow drivers to disinfect their boots, helmets, whips and vests at the conclusion of the day's racing. The use of Pine-O-Clean disinfectant wipes or similar clean down preparations should be available together with Chux wipes for use with disinfectant solution.
- 8.4.6. All stablehands apparel must be laundered at the conclusion of each race meeting.

8.5. Floating Requirements to and From Event

- 8.5.1. Details of proposed travel routes from property to approved event inclusive of distance and approximate travel time (and vice versa).
- 8.5.2. Travel directly to and from the approved event via the approved route.

- 8.5.3. Undertake decontamination of the horse float and towing vehicle prior to leaving the property and again before re-entering the property.

9. Implementation

- 9.1. The overall responsibility for implementation of the Plan rests with Queensland Harness Racing Board and through them the Racing Clubs based at the race track.
- 9.2. The Plan must be implemented in sufficient time to allow the necessary preparations and checks to be completed prior to the commencement of a race day.

10. Documentation

- 10.1 Copies of the Plan will be held by the Chief Executive Officers of Race Clubs
- 10.2 Amendments of the plan from time to time may be developed after consultation and circulated to the respective Race Clubs contact officer.

11. Reporting

- 11.1 Reporting of any urgent matters must be completed within 4 Hours of the termination of the meeting – verbal reports are sufficient
- 11.2 Detailed reports on the outcomes from the event should be available within 48 hours of conclusion of the meeting and should provide:
 - 11.2.1 Details on biosecurity procedures undertaken at the respective venue and any issues
 - 11.2.2 A register of the people who entered the red Zone
 - 11.2.3 A report from the Approved Veterinarian on site outlining any cases of elevated temperature or other signs of Equine Influenza, and actions taken.

12 Security and Compliance

- 12.1 A site security plan will be provided by Queensland Harness Racing Board and the respective race club prior to the meeting being approved
- 12.2 A report of any breaches of biosecurity at the venue will be provide and the actions taken

12.3 All Security staff will be briefed prior to commencement of duties

12.4 A full debrief of security procedures will be held after each meeting

12.5 Persons knowingly not complying may be punished by the Stewards

Appendix 1 - Risk Analysis Register

Appendix 2 – Map of Approved Precincts