

**INQUIRY INTO AGISTMENT OF HORSES AT YARALLA
ESTATE**

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To Whom It May Concern,

Yaralla Estate has being a treasure and pride of Concord for a long time. It is such a rarity to see such a historical site with large open fields filled with horses in any suburb in Sydney. I have always been tremendously proud of Yaralla and revelled in showing it to my friends and family because everyone who has been there has commented on its beauty, tranquility and family friendly environment.

One very special quality about the place was the horses. For any animal lover it is such a rarity to go anywhere in Sydney and be able to come into contact with a horse casually for free. It is ridiculous to claim that the fencing and the horses are a danger to the public. True enough the fencing is not the sturdiest but it does its job in keeping the horses in the paddocks. Any person who claims that these horses may be a danger to the public clearly has no idea about the place or even spent much time there, because I visited Yaralla at least once a week and never have I felt in danger from the horses. They are the most docile and friendly animals. It is cruel and sad to evict them as it must have put a lot of strain and hardship on both owner and horse. The reported shabby fencing and state of disrepair of the place shows that SLHD has neglected their duties as trustees of the estate, and the government and health department are to blame for letting this place go. Even though in my honest opinion I believe the place is just fine as it is and should not have been given such a poor evaluation. Even so it is not fair that the horses, their owners and the public has being punished for the government's negligence and ignorance of how much Yaralla estate means to the community. The empty paddocks is the saddest sight and a piece of treasure and livelihood of Concord has being taken away. I have always seen families there with their kids introducing them to horses in a friendly and safe environment, couples enjoying feeding the horses and elders enjoying the walk and scenery. Don't let the government take away this from the community. Yaralla has been here for us for decades. All it needs is a bit of repair and caretaking, not for it to be slowly barred from the public and ridden of its horses for that is the most unfair, lazy and irrational way of going about things.

The public loved Yaralla the way it was. Leave it alone. Let it be as it was and give it back to the community.

Thank you for your consideration.