

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

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Hello Sate inquiry into the agistment of horses at Yaralla estate.

I am a local resident of Concord West of 25 years, and would like to express my thoughts and feelings for this enquiry.

As you are aware the Dame Eadith Yaralla estate is a treasured and beautiful estate under the auspice of the State government. It is bequeathed to the peoples of NSW, as long as the lands are used for hospital purposes. Recently the Dame Eadith mansion was opened as a day care unit for patients with dementia/HIV.

The horses have been on the estate for many, many years, and I hope for many more years to come. I would like to see my children's children see this land untouched and remain for the local community. I do not believe that the lands for the agistment of horses needs to go to public tender. This is not in keeping with the spirit of the wishes of Dame Eadith. Just reinstate the horse owners, and this time have a good system to admin the agistment. I understand that the previous administration; of the agistment of horses, was fraught with failures and incompetence, unbeknown to the horse owners. The horse owners were the innocent victims in the whole debacle.

Can we not leave things the way they are, the way before the horses were removed? Reinstate the horses. I do not have horses and have no vested interest in making this statement. I ask the NSW government to not use this land for their own use. Please give it back to the people. The previous horse owners were just wanting a place for their horses, nothing else. Do not go to public tender. Leave things as they previously were.

Yes lets make it better for the horse owners is the ethos that the State government should be using in their treatment of the horse owners.

One future question remains unanswered and should be asked, What will happen to the lands when the 100 years agreement expires in 2038? Can you get assurances in writing and make it an act of parliament that the lands will not be open slather for developers to get their hands on? Keep Yaralla Estates (both Dame Eadith estate and Thomas Walkers estate) untouched and remain within the community (as is) for an additional 200 years.

Can you ask this question during your enquiry? Can the Member for Drummoyne ask this question within parliament?

Regards
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