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

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To The Hon. Robert Borsak MLC Committee Chair

RE: CURRENT AND FUTURE AGISTMENT OF HORSES ON THE YARALLA ESTATE

I have lived in the Concord area for forty years and have visited both the Walker Estates many times over that period. Many times I have taken overseas, interstate and country visitors to our "little bit of country" in the city, with its grazing horses and stately home at Dame Eadith Walker which always made an impression. I have also had a greater connection in later years, because of a family member's horse being agisted there for many years. Over the past eighteen years the paddocks have come to mean a great deal to three of my grandchildren as they have developed a love of horses and a sense of how to be responsible for a large animal as have many other children there. That comradeship, sense of responsibility and maturity has been now denied them by the actions of bureaucrats who have no idea of history, local feelings or respect for the ordinary people in this area. **FOR WHAT?**

Many horseowners have been left in a precarious position in regards to horse placement and access to their animals. They were paying fees for agistment at Yaralla and caring for the animals and surrounds. I now see that the last time I saw the paddocks they were overgrown and neglected. (ten days ago) What is the agenda behind all this?

Being a Liberal voter, I am dismayed at the disregard shown to the local population and visitors alike by those who seem to have control of all the decision making without revealing their true intentions for this site. We are already being overrun with high rise housing and clogged roads in this area because of "increasing Population" taking away this space at Yaralla and the horses grazing there seems to be part of the agenda for turning the Concord area into nothing more than a highly over populated future slum.

We were told that access would not be denied to the general public if the police horses were agisted at Yaralla but it is more than access that we have always had. We had involvement with the horse owners and the horses, not just "patting" the horses as one bureaucrat stated we would still be able to do if the police horses took up residence. Letting the public interact with the horses is akin to saying we could play with Police vehicles. Not very practical. Would Mr O'Farrell care to become involved in this matter? So far public consultation has been instigated by the public not those who have been pulling strings and disregarding public opinion.

Yours faithfully,

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