

**INQUIRY INTO GRANTING OF CONTRACT NUMBER
OoS17/18-021 BY THE OFFICE OF SPORT**

Organisation: Dressage NSW, Eventing NSW and Jumping NSW
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SUBMISSION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

REGARDING THE GRANTING OF

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BY THE OFFICE OF SPORT

Dressage New South Wales, Eventing New South Wales and Jumping New South Wales are the peak state administrative bodies for the three Olympic equestrian disciplines. All three bodies use the Sydney International Equestrian Centre (SIEC) facility very extensively to run their major competitions, both national and international.

In the context of recent statements before Parliament by Mr Mark Latham, surrounding resurfacing of the indoor and adjacent outdoor warm-up arenas, we would like, in our capacity as the peak bodies, to make a submission to the Parliamentary Committee.

In these matters we feel as representatives of riders, trainers, owners and event organisers who use this facility on a very regular basis, we should address Terms of Reference “(h) options for rectification of any defects or complete replacement of the indoor arena surface to ensure the arena is safe for horse and rider and capable of use for high level competition”.

Historically, SIEC as a venue has struggled to provide world-class footing on its many arenas. The main Olympic arena was universally judged well below standard at the 2000 Olympic Games. Over the ensuing 20 years, arena footing issues have been an ongoing problem often culminating in the use of alternative venues.

As a sport we are of course well aware of the very significant cost of upgrading these arenas. We are all extremely grateful to have such an amazing facility available to us and we acknowledge the work of Equestrian NSW to help bring about these desperately needed upgrades.

The two recently resurfaced arenas are without a doubt absolutely world class and are a total game changer for the elite level of the sport using the SIEC facility. We would strongly disagree with any suggestion to the contrary. Additionally, not only are the surfaces world class, but these exceptional SIEC surfaces allow riders at all levels, including Para, Youth, Amateur Riders, Professional riders and Elite athletes, the enviable opportunity

to compete with complete confidence, to the best of their ability. We would be delighted if all the SIEC arenas could be re-surfaced to the same high standard.

We are willing to be contacted if the Committee has any queries.

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2008 Beijing Olympic Games, Silver Medallist
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2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, Silver Medallist

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NSW Youth Dressage Development Program Co-ordinator
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GEORGE SANNA:
World Cup Final, Sweden
1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games
1988 Seoul Olympic Games
1989 World Cup Final at Tampa, Florida
1990 World Equestrian Games, Stockholm
1993 World Cup Final