

**Submission  
No 17**

## **INQUIRY INTO PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP ROSEHILL RACECOURSE**

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Dear Select Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Inquiry regarding the proposal to develop Rosehill Racecourse in NSW. I have grave concerns about potential impacts on Thoroughbred welfare. I understand that the Australian turf Club is likely to benefit by up to \$10 billion from the sale of Rosehill. I am concerned that such a large amount of money will allow the racing industry to expand and intensify its operations in ways that may negatively impact the lives of Thoroughbreds. To help improve its somewhat tarnished image, I hope that the ATC will view the sale funds as an opportunity to improve the welfare of NSW racehorses. I support the proposal for Rosehill Racecourse to be sold and developed for purposes other than racing. However my support depends on the use to which the sale monies are put, particularly those which cause further negative impacts on Thoroughbreds. I ask that the NSW Government intervene to impose some conditions on the ATC, regarding use of the potential \$10 billion Rosehill sale income. It would be nice to see the following protections happen for racehorses. Fund a safe, lifelong retirement for every horse in the NSW racing industry. Immediate action to improve racehorse welfare on the racetrack and off track by replacing current standards of welfare with those based on the 2020 Five Domains Model for animal welfare assessment, and require that members of the racing industry are educated accordingly. Provide a fund to help transition members of the racing industry into professions outside racing.

Thank you again

Bronwen Evans