

**Submission  
No 27**

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

**Name:** Mr Martin Zammit

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To the Honourable members of the Committee,

My name is Martin Zammit and I wish to make a submission on the proposed sale of Rosehill Racecourse.

I am a current member of the ATC and a resident of Western Sydney since I arrived in Australia 55 years ago. So I speak with some history when I say we can't afford to lose one of the few iconic venues in Western Sydney. We do not have endless attractions like other parts of Sydney.

For generations Rosehill racecourse has been home to the Golden Slipper, the most famous 2 year old horse race in the world. A tradition people out West are proud of, and we want our future generations to continue to be proud of.

We are already under pressure to accept over-development of our suburbs, and we already accommodate a disproportionate number of new arrivals into Australia that move to Western Sydney.

We also provide affordable housing to the wider community, we are already doing more than our share of the heavy lifting with subdivisions of blocks as small as 300m<sup>2</sup> and now re-zoning areas for high rise apartments.

To lose Rosehill racecourse to more apartment development, depriving us of our historic venue is unfair and unjust.

Please note that it is not only horse racing and racing enthusiasts that will lose out if this sale goes ahead, but the people of Western Sydney will lose a venue that is currently also used for conventions, expos, school formals, weddings, charity events etc.

Please also consider the impact on our environment with over-development of the Western Suburbs for our children and grandchildren, leave us this beautiful racetrack.

Sincerely,

Martin Zammit