

Inequity in NSW

The issues facing the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry are not necessarily unique to this State. However importantly, interstate racing industries in general but particularly Victoria, benefited directly from receiving a much greater share of wagering revenue.

As the NSW State Government takes out an unrealistically high share of wagering revenue, the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry is poorly positioned in comparison to its interstate counterparts. However, this is not just a matter of equity. The poor funding position of thoroughbred racing in NSW relative to other States limits the ability of thoroughbred racing in NSW to compete by attracting high quality fields and hence high levels of wagering.

The table below summarises the share of wagering revenue on totalizator bets on each State's TAB, measured by each \$100 dollars wagered.

DISTRIBUTION OF WAGERING REVENUE PER \$100 BET

State	Racing industry funding	Government share of gross wagering revenue	GST
	Per \$100 bet	Per \$100 bet	Per \$100 bet
NSW	\$4.70	\$3.22	\$1.52
Victoria	\$7.90	\$1.28	\$1.52
Queensland	\$6.25	\$1.83	\$1.52
South Australia	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$1.52
Western Australia	\$6.67	\$2.00	\$1.52
Tasmania	\$9.02	\$0.00	\$1.52

The NSW State Government receives the highest share of wagering revenue while the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry has by far the lowest level of funding, once again expressed as a proportion of wagering revenue.

The most pertinent comparison for NSW is with the Victorian Thoroughbred Racing Industry, which is at the forefront of Australian Racing.

The Victorian Government reduced its share of wagering revenue in August 2012 as follows.