## INQUIRY INTO PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP ROSEHILL RACECOURSE

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## Partially Confidential

Dear Honorable Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to develop Rosehill Racecourse. As a founding Member of the ATC, thoroughbred race horse owner of 15+ years and passionate advocate for the racing industry and animal welfare, I am deeply concerned about the potential impacts of this proposal on the racing industry, animal welfare, and the community.

Under the terms of reference, I would like to specifically address the following areas:

- The unsolicited proposal process including associated probity measures: There has been a lack of transparency about how a proposal to sell off the Rosehill Racecourse has come about and legitimate fears persist that proponents of the sale will pursue options to sell-off the land without allowing ATC members to vote on a proposal.
- Impacts on the racing industry in New South Wales: The sale and redevelopment of Rosehill Racecourse would have a devastating impact on the racing industry, leading to the loss of a vital training and racing facility at a time when the industry is experiencing unprecedented growth.
- Impact on animal welfare: The proposal raises significant animal welfare concerns, including the potential for increased risk of injury and stress to horses during transportation and training.
- Potential impacts on parkland in Western Sydney: The development of Rosehill Racecourse would result in the loss of valuable open space and parkland in Western Sydney.

I urge the committee to consider the long-term consequences of this proposal and prioritize the interests of the racing industry, animal welfare, and the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.