INQUIRY INTO PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP ROSEHILL RACECOURSE

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Select Committee on the proposal to develop Rosehill Racecourse

Legislative Council NSW Parliament Macquarie Street Sydney, NSW

Dear Sirs and Madams

I'm a resident of NSW, a regular race-goer and a member of the ATC. I also have interests in approximately horses stabled and trained at Rosehill. I will be directly and adversely impacted if the proposal goes ahead and am opposed to the proposal in any form.

I am writing to raise concerns in relation to items (a), (b), (f), (g).

I am shocked and saddened the government has been actively engaged in an effort to acquire Rosehill with insufficient transparency to the public, racing community and participants and ATC members. It would also appear that the government understands that the purchase can be affected without the vote being put to the ATC membership. The arrogance, secrecy and lack of consultation is both disappointing and disturbing.

Rosehill Racecourse has immense historical and cultural significance to it's members, racing enthusiasts and the public at large. Visiting Winx and my horses at the stables, watching my brother's team of devoted workers tend to them. Witnessing my brother's first Golden Slipper. Having my own runner run in it and get third this year. Talking to Ryan Moore, Joao Moreira before they rode my horses. Laughing and crying (happy proud tears) with my late Dad on race days. These are just a few of my own experiences. Rosehill is a special place and I hope these special days continue there for many years to come. While Randwick is closer to our home, Rosehill was the first track I visited in Australia and is unique in it's atmosphere and the close excitement one experiences. Watching the horses in the mounting yard at Rosehill is one of my very favourite things and something you don't get so close to elsewhere.

I understand the ill thought proposal involves relocating the Rosehill stables to a newly developed site at Horsley Park. While training in another location may be a future development it seems basic understanding and consideration of these elite and valuable thoroughbreds has been ignored. The temperatures in summer alone are not an environment for these athletes and the people who look after for them to train and live in. I wonder too about relocating the many workers and their families (with children). While they may seem numbers (and you might compare to the lofty numbers proposed to be housed there), I know them and it breaks my heart to think of the upheaval they'd face.

Finally I do not believe that it will be good for the NSW racing industry to solely rely on one Group one racetrack at Randwick. And ridiculous and problematic to suggest Canterbury and Warwick Farm can be upgraded to world class facilities.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me on

Yours sincerely,