

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

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I am a father, small business owner (in Parramatta), Westie, race horse owner and racing enthusiast. Before having kids I was also an ATC member. If I was still a member I would definitely be voting against this proposal.

As a racing enthusiast I know that Sydney only has 2 world class race tracks and to have one of them in Sydney's West is a major attraction and jewel in the West's crown. To think the ATC wants to sell this is ridiculous. Not only does it create many, many jobs for the racing industry there are also many non-racing events held at Rosehill. I am also a member of BNI and they recently had their gala ball there. I know it was one of the only venues big enough to stage the event in Sydney's West.

I grew up going to Rosehill dreaming of racing a winner there. I was lucky enough to do that last year and it was a literally a dream come true. I would love for my kids to have the same opportunity one day and to hopefully race winners with my kids in the ownership group.

Why sell such a facility when we have Canterbury that is barely used and closer to the city. The people of the West have had enough of bearing the brunt of the population growth. It is already stretched and this won't help in anyway. Traffic is already horrible in the area and thousands more houses will not help.

Thank you.