

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP ROSEHILL RACECOURSE

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I'd like to make a submission regarding my many letters over last few years for Racing NSW to upgrade Nowra racetrack to have on site training facilities .

Because Racing NSW can't own the land and the club they refuse to dedicate the \$8 million needed to upgrade grass and sand track and build infrastructure to house 90 horses to train.

Instead they spent \$23 million on _____ in the _____ and put a Victorian trainer (whose ceo is mates of _____) on a cheap lease that wasn't offered via public tender to NSW trainers . So a Victorian trainer has been subsidised to go into a world classes training facility 40 minutes from _____ who now regularly competes against _____ trainers who have no onsite training facility provided by Racing NSW . How is this not a form of corruption ie favouritism and one trainer having a benefit not offered to all others ? How is this a level playing field ?

My last letter to Racing NSW about the risk to danger of our lives with having to do gallops at the beach was met with the arrogant response of " it had worked fine so far ".

Racing NSW clearly shows its disregard for our safety and it is their role to provide us (trainers and riders) safe tracks to train and race on . Despite having plenty of money available to upgrade Nowra racetrack they refuse to do so .

The simple fact is if any of us fall off galloping at the beach paramedics simply won't be able to get to us in time; because where we are forced to train on the beach is a five minute run from the nearest road - it's simply not good enough Racing NSW refuse to provide us trainers in the south east of NSW at Nowra with onsite training facility , ie barns and walkers with 2 upgraded tracks.

If you like more information or a copy of letters I have received please email and call me on _____ .

I am happy to be called on to give evidence .

Kind regards

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