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INQUIRY INTO PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP ROSEHILL RACECOURSE

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Submission to the Inquiry into the Proposal to Develop Rosehill Racecourse

Dear Select Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. I have grave concerns about thoroughbred welfare, under the Terms of Reference (g) *“the impact on animal welfare and any integrity concerns associated with the proposal which relate to animal welfare, and (h) any other related matters.”*

I understand the Australian Turf Club (ATC) is likely to benefit by up to \$10 billion from the sale of Rosehill. Such a large amount of money will allow the racing industry to expand and intensify its operations in ways that may negatively impact the lives of Thoroughbreds.

The club should use the sale funds as an opportunity to improve the welfare of NSW racehorses.

To date however, the racing industry has demonstrated little genuine concern for its racehorses, and is notorious for a lack of transparency regarding the fate of horses who exit racing.

I support the proposal for Rosehill Racecourse to be sold and developed for purposes other than racing. My support depends upon the use to which the sale monies are put, particularly those which cause further negative impacts on Thoroughbreds.

The NSW Government must intervene to impose some conditions on the ATC regarding use of the potential \$10 billion Rosehill sale income. The sale of Rosehill presents an opportunity for NSW racing to make a – for example:

1. Fund a safe, lifelong retirement for every horse in the NSW racing industry.
2. Instigate immediate action to improve racehorse welfare on the racetrack and off track by replacing current standards of welfare with those based on the 2020 Five Domains Model for animal welfare assessment, and require that members of the racing industry are educated accordingly.

3. Provide a fund to help transition members of the racing industry into professions outside racing.

Yours faithfully,

Jan Kendall
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