



The Recreational Horse Community and EADRA Meeting
(Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement)

Meeting Held: Wednesday 9th June 2010

Location; Room 1822
Sydney Showground

Chairman: Mr Evan Acton – President Campdraft Association

DAFF: Mr Phil Finch

AHA (Animal Health Australia) Dr Mike Bon CEO

ATHRA represented by: De'hanne Keir – National Treasurer

Full copies of the Minutes to be emailed – compiled by: Julie Fiedler Pony Club Australia

1. Discussion and Presentation for EADRA Membership

Agreement between all Australian Governments – Federal, State & Territory and the Horse Industry to ensure a coordinated response to any disease outbreak listed in the agreement.
All Parties to sign agreement

2. Cost Sharing arrangement between Governments and Industry

Category 1: e.g.: Rabies –Government share is 100%

Category 2: e.g.: Hendra Virus –Government share is 80% Industry 20%

Category 3: e.g.: African Horse Sickness – Government and Industry share 50% each

Category 4: e.g.: EI : Government share is 20% and Industry pays 80%

3. Levy Mechanism: Recouping costs

Levy initially to be set at ZERO dollars and will remain as such until a disease occurs. Once the disease has been eradicated and proof of freedom established – the costs are tallied. An Industry is usually given 10 years to pay their share of costs.

4. Levy Options:

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) have been consulted to seek levy options that are legally viable.

5. With each Levy /cost sharing there is to be:

Equitable

Contributions capped

Cost sharing is linked to Category of the disease

He who pays – has a say

6. Levies up for Discussion:



Using the method of: Coverage – Equity – Leakage

- Event Levies: Collection not viable nor the use of volunteers – not equitable
- Transit/Import Levy – This was debated and decided against
- Foal Registration/Slaughter Levy – Group decision - No
- Wormers : Group decision – not equitable – not reaching the broader equine community.
- Shoes: Group decided this may be a 2nd option – DAFF advised that no change to the retailing of shoes – only on the importation of shoes once they hit Australian shores
- Registrations : Collection messy and the use of volunteers not equitable
- Vaccines: Group decided unfair to the general horse community
- Hard Feed (manufactured): All 14 Representatives unanimously agreed – voted best Levy Option.
- Hard Feed Levy Costing:

Advice received : Horse Industry value to Australia 3.6 Billion per year

36 Million for a 10 year repayment @ 3.6Million per year

1 to 2% Levy on Hard Feed (manufactured) for example: Cost of Pony Pellets using a levy of 1 – 2% would be approx 10 – 20cents per bag. The levy is payable per kilogram/weight.

NB: For the levy to be activated Government and Members of EADRA are consulted and the decision must be unanimous to be activated.

Dr Diane Ryan is on loan from the Government and has been appointed Executive Officer for compilation and completion of submission.

Dr Ryan may be contacted by email should we have any queries or suggestions at:

diane.ryan@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Meeting Concluded 3pm

Next Steps

Step 1: Define and choose funding levy options – by 30th June 2010 – Completed

Step 2: Industry Consultation process – to be completed by 31st August 2010

Step 3: Prepare Final Draft submission – Mid October 2010

Step 4: Obtain Industry sign off - final submission to Minister” Hon Tony Burke”.

Step 5: Daff undertakes assessment process

Step 6: Formal advice to PIMC – 1st December 2010

Compiled by:

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10th June 2010