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Via Email: colin.grant@biosecurity.gov.au

Dear Dr Grant

On behalf of the Australian Racing Board, Racing Victoria Limited has given detailed consideration to the draft IRA. Our response is attached.

We find the draft IRA to be a commendable review of exotic disease threats. From this point of view it should support the introduction and maintenance of policies that protect the health of all Australian horses.

Whilst the strengths of the IRA are recognized, RVL is concerned with certain aspects of the draft document. Without pre-empting our submission, I believe that our concerns with the draft IRA are sufficiently serious that a meeting between racing industry executives and the authors of the IRA should take place before the IRA is submitted to the Minister.

We look forward to hearing to from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

ROB HINES

Chief Executive Officer