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The Hon. Leon Bignell, MP  
Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries,  
Government of South Australia  
GPO Box 1671  
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Dear Minister,

**South Australian Horse Industry Advisory Group (SA HAIG)**

The South Australian Thoroughbred Breeders, whom I represent on the South Australian Horse Industry Advisory Group (SA HAIG) is concerned that Government is considering disbanding this group.

The Horse Industry, along with the numerous supporting industries i.e. fodder merchants, farriers, veterinarians, trainers to name just a few, is the THIRD largest industry in Australia, contributing over \$6.2 billion to the Australian economy, see

<http://www.horsecouncil.org.au/ahic/index.cfm/topics/surveys/the-horse-industry-contributing-to-the-australian-economy/>

It comprises many sections, thoroughbred racing, harness racing, pony clubs, trail riding clubs, dressage, show horses, show jumping, hunt clubs and our World Class participants in International Competition e.g. Eventing and the World Equestrian Games and most importantly the Breeders who supply the horses for all these activities and also the export of Thoroughbreds to the lucrative overseas market.

SA HAIG gives all these diverse horse groups a single voice to communicate with PIRSA and the Government regarding numerous horse industry related issues and also to assist with the control of exotic diseases which can be brought into Australia i.e. the Equine Influenza Epidemic.

This is the only group that brings all these parties together and it would be detrimental to the industry if this group was disbanded.

Yours faithfully,

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