



## **BOTRA submission on Equine Welfare**

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### To whom it may concern

BOTRA believe that the welfare of our horses is essential

1. Whether we like it or not we must keep our slaughter houses due to the fact every horse cannot be rehomed and at Meramist the horses go for human consumption as there are a lot of people in the world eat horse meat other slaughter houses or meat works take horses to feed the millions of dogs and cats in Australia
2. Transport of horses to abattoirs should not be in open cattle trucks, our horses should be sent in horse trucks or floats like we transport our racehorses they are not cattle and should not be treated as such
3. The life of a horse should not be judged on length of life but Quality of life
4. Rehoming of our racehorses should be a priority but common sense must prevail. Rehoming centres should not take horses that are sick lame or not able to be rehabilitated
5. While there are owners that care for their horses after racing it cannot become the owner's responsibility to care for or be responsible for that horse for life once the horse is sold or rehomed. The responsibility of the racehorse owner ends
6. We must remember racehorses are probably the most cared for horses in the world
7. Harness racing and thoroughbreds have probably the best traceability with all horses being registered as foals and branded, we don't believe we need to be under a federal system as well

BOTRA has kept this submission short and to the point if you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me [REDACTED]

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