

September 30, 2008

Hon. Andrew Fraser, MP  
Treasurer  
*Queensland Government, Treasury*  
GPO Box 611  
**BRISBANE QLD 4001**

Dear Minister,

**Race Fields Legislation**

The proposed race field's legislation passed by Racing NSW effective September 1, 2008 will pose a real financial burden on the future of racing in Queensland including thoroughbred, harness, greyhound's wagering turnover.

Based on the imposed 1.5% fee by Racing NSW from September 1, 2008 to the September 24, 2008 the fee to be charged based on wagering turnover on thoroughbred's through UNITAB of \$24,889,525 would be estimated to be \$298,343.

The three racing codes race field's legislation fee from September 1, 2008 to September 24 2008, is estimated to be \$438,863 based on \$34,257,598 wagering turnover through UNITAB and over \$7M per annum, this is a significant cost that the racing industry cannot afford.

This is based on 1.5% of turnover less the first \$5M as it is exempt.

This is only based on fees imposed by Racing NSW and does not take into account any of the other states if they were to charge the fee.

It would be proposed that the race fields legislation is raised at the next national Ministers conference and a moratorium passed on the race field's legislation to January 1, 2009.

Yours sincerely

**MR BOB BENTLEY**  
*Chairman*

Cc: Mr Malcolm Tuttle, Chief Operations Manager, QRL.  
Cc: Mr Adam Carter, Finance Manager, QRL.