

Make your voice heard to help end jumps racing *Parliamentary Jumps Racing Committee now receiving submissions*

RSPCA South Australia is urging the community to write to the parliamentary jumps racing committee, which is now open for submissions, calling for an end to this cruel and inhumane 'sport'.

Dr Di Evans, RSPCA South Australia Animal Welfare Advocate, believes the vast majority of South Australians do not support this outdated form of racing due to the risks to both horses and jockeys.

“Since 2009, at least 16 horses participating in jumps racing have died in South Australia. 10-year-old gelding Trenchtown was the latest victim, tragically dying at Morphettville in July this year, following a series of incidents involving a serious fall and injury,” she said.

“There is widespread compassion for animals within our community, and placing horses at risk of serious injury or death for the sake of entertainment, is out of step with community values.

“South Australia and Victoria are currently the last two states to hold jumps racing. We now have the chance to ensure we aren't the last state in Australia to eliminate this 'sport' from our racetracks.

“South Australians now have an opportunity to protect these beautiful animals, by writing to the committee and showing their support for a ban on jumps racing.”

Members of the public who would like their views on jumps racing to be considered by the jumps racing committee should put their concerns in writing and forward them for consideration to the following address (over page):

Rachel Stone (Secretary)
Select Committee on Jumps Racing
Parliament House
GPO Box 572
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Email: rachel.stone@parliament.sa.gov.au

They should also write to their local MP and/or members of the Legislative Council.

The New South Wales Government banned jumps racing under their animal welfare legislation nearly 18 years ago. In 1991, a national welfare senate committee recommended jumps racing should cease but disappointingly, South Australia has not taken heed of this advice.

RSPCA South Australia began The Illogical Races campaign last year which highlights the animal welfare issues associated with jumps racing, and questions the arguments made by supporters of this cruel and unnecessary 'sport'.

For more information on The Illogical Races campaign visit: www.theillogicalraces.org.au

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