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Subject: submission in relation to -Inquiry into Tas Racing Performance.

My name is Tony W Jeffries of 39 Meredith Street. Port Sorell Tas.

I currently hold the following positions within the Harness Racing Code in Tasmania.

Member of the Tas Harness Racing Code Programming Working Group.
Member of the Tas Harness Racing Code Development Working Group.
Elected Representative of the Tas Country Harness Racing Clubs to Tas Racing.
Member of the Devonport Harness Racing Club Committee.
Past President & Secretary of the Burnie Harness Racing Club 10 years.
Past Secretary Treasurer of the North West Light Harness Association 10 yrs.
Past Member of the Tasmania Harness Racing Council before being taken over by Tas Racing,
I am also currently an owner & breeder of Harness Racing Horses.

I wish to submit the following information and suggestions to assist ensure Tas Racing continues to be sustainable and profitable over the long term.

The Half Yearly performance of Tas Racing taking into account initial set up and the need to establish a new business to manage Tas Racing is considered commercially responsible and in accordance with expectations for this period of time.

My area of expertise is Harness Racing in Tasmania after 35years of involvement in every aspect of the Industry.

Tas Racing can be congratulated in their current approach to Harness Racing in Tasmania with their understanding and assistance whether it be professional trainers or hobby trainers whether it be large City Harness Racing Clubs or Country Clubs.

They are currently addressing all aspects of the Industry Stake Money, Race Programming, Track Maintenance, Club Administration and performance to ensure its ongoing sustainability.

My only suggestion is that both The Minister for Racing and the Tas Racing Board and Management team need to investigate the possibility of placing a Manager to oversee the operations of our 3 major race Clubs Tas Pacing Club, Launceston Pacing Club and Devonport Harness Racing Club. I would see substantial savings overall with wages and operating costs.

Currently the Greyhound Racing Code has one manager for all 3 major clubs.

With current pressures on all aspects of the Racing Industry especially with operating costs and the need to maximise returns to ensure a profitable outcome for the future all operations should be reviewed to ensure we are saving funds in every area.

Finally with respective roles of DIER and Tas racing in relation to the administration of Tasmanian racing industry I would offer the following suggestion which should be thoroughly investigated and urgently implemented.

Operating the Tasmanian Racing industry at a profit or breakeven position is essential for the future of all industry participants and the government of the day.

The position of Racing Services Tasmania and Tas Racing being separate entities is unsustainable and their immediate merger should be completed as soon as possible.

The savings both in wages and operating costs would be substantial for the Racing Industry and for Government.

I am well aware of integrity being a very important part of our Industry however Tasmania is

the only State in Australia with separate entities and we are now considered behind the times

in this area.

The Government's Minister for Racing and Tas Racing need to urgently enquire into merging these entities to ensure major savings are invested into the Racing Industry to ensure the future

viability & profitability of the Tasmanian Racing Industry.

Whilst my contribution is only small and relating to Harness Racing specifically I would be happy to discuss further with your committee.

I was involved in the Legislative Council enquiry into the Government's bid to sell Tote Tasmania a couple of years ago.

Thank you.