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There are many people living on the ground floor, which is on the same level as the restaurant.

Even though the music is currently held within the restaurant, it can be heard by the residents on the ground floor, which is very annoying already.

How can they live after this condition 14 is removed?

There are only 3 levels, including the ground level, in this building. If this condition is removed, residents of ALL levels are affected. The proportion of affected residents is HUGE given that this is such a low rise building.

This is so unfair that our lives will have to be affected but we gain nothing! The bar is the only winner in this case.

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Application to Amend a Planning Permit: TP-2006-274/G380-388
Russell Street, Melbourne

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6.2 TP-2018-728

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I am objecting to this application and request to address the committee in person at the meeting. I understand that it will be limited to 3 minutes.

We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

Thank you

David Steel
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570 Victoria Street North Melbourne

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* Panarcadian Committee and its community works.
*60 years of service to various Greek and other communities
*Difficulties in securing a tenant to operate in the premises because of onerous planning restrictions.
*Building built for purpose over 100 years ago and faithfully restored – parking requirements reduces the appetite for prospective tenants.
*Over 2 years to secure an interested party
*Not sure where we can go from here without planning support, as the costs to continue sustaining the building insurances rates, land tax etc are prohibitive.

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

Can the council/committee members please answer the following questions? :

How will occupancy at the subject site be policed?

Have the council/committee members taken into consideration the person numbers when the upper levels of the subject site are being used by owners and the members of the subject site? Or when the upper levels are being used for functions? Owners and the members of the subject site utilise the upper levels quite regularly, day and night.

The office building (known as Our Community House) next door to the subject site has a reported capacity of 400 workers. It is currently not operating at full capacity but today any available parking in Victoria St is taken up by the

workers. Have the council/committee members taken into consideration the residential parking impact to the residents of Victoria St when all levels of the subject site are utilised and 'Our Community House' is at capacity?

As a resident of Victoria St, I currently have issues parking in Victoria St during the day. I will undoubtedly have issues parking in the evening once the proposed use of the subject site is established. Who can I call when the closest available park is a great distance from my home? I wouldn't feel safe at night if I couldn't park close to my home.

Have the council/committee members taken into consideration the noise impact to the residents in Victoria St from the subject site being utilised from 6.30am to 11pm? This part of Victoria St is often referred to as 'the quiet end of Victoria St'. The early morning and late night operating hours will adversely impact the noise levels in a street that is considered quiet at these times. Do the council/committee members believe these operating hours are reasonable? Would the council/committee members be happy with these operating hours if they lived in Victoria St?

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I would like to make a submission to speak about the report of planning application TP-2018-728.

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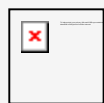
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Victoria Street North Melbourne**

I have read the report and I am surprised that the City of Melbourne isn't doing more to alleviate the amenity impact that will result from the proposed use of the subject site.

The report doesn't take into consideration the office building next door to the subject site. The office building next door is known as 'Our Community House' and located at 552 Victoria St, North Melbourne. When the traffic engineering report was conducted the current use of this building was in its infancy. Currently the entire top floor of the building is being refurbished for further offices spaces. The 'Our Community House' website <https://ochouse.com.au/> states that the building will have space for up to 400 social sector workers. This usage could be possible once the entire office building is utilised. It is observable that a lot of the people that utilise the office spaces of 'Our Community House' drive to the premises and park in Victoria St. The workers have a monopoly on the parking in Victoria St, available parking in the morning is quickly taken and throughout the day the workers function together shifting & reparking their cars between their parking spots. It should be noted that the 'Our Community House' offices are also utilised in the evenings and weekends. As a result, parking in Victoria Street is already scarce for residents.

The report states that the upper levels of the subject site are used by the owners & members of the property. When they use the property, they all drive to the subject and take up the available parking spaces in Victoria St. This is particularly evident in the evenings when parking in Victoria Street is scarce for residents.

How will occupancy at the subject site be policed? Do the maximum occupancy restrictions include the person numbers when the upper levels of the subject site are being used?

It should be noted that when the ground floor of the subject site was used as a function centre, it was only used now and then mainly on a Saturday night. Therefore, the applicant justifying using the subject site 365 days a year, day and night isn't alleviating the adverse amenity impact for the residents of Victoria St.

Does the City of Melbourne seriously think that anyone that attends the yoga studio at the subject site in the evening will arrive there by public transport? They will drive there as this is the safer option and when they do their first preference will be to try and park in Victoria St, making parking for the residents of Victoria St a near impossibility. I don't want to be in a position when I get home in the evening (or during the day) and have to park a great distance from where I live. I don't want my young family being inconvenienced or being put in danger by not being able to park close to their home. The City of Melbourne should be doing more for their residents and not adversely impact the amenities of their residents.

Where will the friends and relatives that come to visit the residents in Victoria St park when there are no available parking spaces? Are they expected to travel by public transport?

In regards to residential parking, I'm not sure where the residents of Victoria St will park when the yoga studio is established, when the owners and members of the subject site attend the subject site and the office workers at 'Our Community House' are taking up parking spots.

In regards to noise, the report refers to residents west of the subject site but doesn't take into consideration the residents opposite the subject site. In a currently quiet residential area of Victoria St, constant activity from 6.30am to 11pm will impact the residents during times when noise levels have been at a minimum. Does the City of Melbourne think it is fair for a business to be operating from 6:30am until 11pm in a residential neighbourhood? Resident amenities will be adversely impacted.

The City of Melbourne should uphold the planning requirements to ensure minimum amenity impact for my young family, the neighbourhood and me.

Regards

Michael Jurista

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Glossop Town Planning acts on behalf of the permit applicant in this instance.

We have reviewed the delegate report and its recommended conditions. Although we concur with the planner's overall assessment of the matter, we note that Council's planner has misread our submission in response to comment from Council's traffic engineer. The officer has included a permit condition which will not allow the core operation of the Isha Foundation (the future operator).

During the assessment process, Council's engineers raised 2 issues:

1. The proposed class duration between 10am and 4pm on week days is longer than the car parking limitations; and
2. The proposed number of patrons for the evening and weekend classes are too high.

In response to these matters, the applicant proposed to restrict the day time class duration to 1 hr 45 minutes and to reduce the total patron numbers for the evening and weekend classes. please see copy of email submission attached. We see that this submission was also referenced in the body of the delegate report.

Council's planner mistakenly assumed that all classes will be limited to 1 hr 45 mins. Accordingly, condition 6 was included.

The Isha Foundation's core program includes classes of 4 hour or longer Condition 6 will not allow the Foundation to carry out its usual programs. This would be a futile outcome after 15 months in planning. We have brought this to the attention of the planner and there was acknowledgement that an error has been made.

We respectfully request the Committee to review this matter and adopt the officer's recommend subject to an amendment of the condition. Condition should be deleted and the class duration limit of 1h45m is moved to the end of Condition 5a.

I look forward to discussing this matter with the Committee in more detail.

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Hi Esha,

Thank you for your time last week.

After our review of the various referral comments, I would like an opportunity to provide some clarification and suggested permit conditions to address Council's referral comments.

Day classes

The proposal sought to use the premises for daytime yoga session of up to 60 (55 participants and 5 volunteers) people between the hours of 10am and 4pm.

I can confirm that each class will run for a maximum of 1 hour and 45 (inclusive of Q&A at the end of yoga practices). Given the length of the class, there is no reason why patrons cannot rely on 2-hour on-street car parking when they do drive to the premises.

Moreover, the daytime classes are targeted at corporate clientele in the nearby area. It can be reasonably anticipated that a certain percentage of patrons will either carpool, walk, use public transport or cycle to the venue.

We suggest that appropriate worded permit conditions can be included on any permit issued to ensure that Council's traffic engineer's concerns can be appropriately addressed. The condition can include:

- A limit of 1h45min for each class;
- A limit of no more than 60 people on-site at any one time during 10am and 4pm. This allows either 1 large class or multiple smaller classes, provided that the maximum patron number does not exceed 60.

Evening, weekend and public holiday classes

For the evening classes, weekend classes and public holiday classes, the client is willing to accept a permit condition to limit the maximum number of people on site to 120 (90 participants and 30 volunteers).

Function Centre

I can confirm that the function centre, on average hosted events with 350 patrons. The landowner also confirmed that in some instances, the centre hosted functions of up to 450 people.

Waste Management

As discussed, we propose that the waste requirements also form a condition of any permit issued. As the permit applicants will be leasing the facility, it would be onerous for them to commission the relevant plans and reports unless they are confident that a permit would issue. We have discussed this with Council's waste officer (Mel Thompson), who has agreed (in principle) to this approach subject to your consent.

We look forward to your response and further feedback in due course. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Sue Zhang

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I wish to submit further information regarding the application for a planning permit to the address 570 Victoria Street North Melbourne regarding the increased parking pressure in this area since the application was first made.

1. At the time the application TP-2018-728 was made, the large commercial building next door to the applicant address (552 Victoria Street North Melbourne) was a vacant building.

2. The parking survey undertaken by Traffic Group on behalf of the applicant was conducted at the time that this building was vacant.

3. The building at 552 Victoria Street North Melbourne has since become a functioning business with staff and

workplace visitors making use of parking spaces in the surrounding streets and making parking for residents close to impossible.

4. The business at 552 Victoria Street North Melbourne is currently renovating the second floor of the workplace to provide work spaces for a greater number of staff.

5. The parking survey that the planning application was based on is no longer a reflection of the parking available in this location.

6. Cars are regularly observed overstaying parking times in the area and I have made regular requests to council to send parking officers to issue fines and have documented many instances where people have overstayed restrictions when council officers have been unable to attend.

7. Parking in this area is under immense pressure and a venue with large numbers of patrons will be untenable.

8. I request that the number of patrons allowed under this planning application be reduced dramatically to suit the amenity of the local residential area.

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Both the client (Mr. Will Summons) and the designer (Mr. James Hampton) shall be in attendance to respond to any councillor queries. We shall only respond to queries if asked, otherwise please note we shall be in attendance.
Best regards, James

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MID City North Opportunities Plan

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Melbourne Innovation Districts

City North Opportunities Plan

RMIT Submission

Future Melbourne Committee

12th November 2019

RMIT strongly supports the commitment, vision, structure and working approach of this Opportunities plan.

As the plan outline, Melbourne's City North district is as critically important area of knowledge-intensive work, specialist technological and science infrastructure, diverse population, historical and cultural heritage, and for-purpose networks and organisations fuelling Victoria's civil society and community development.

RMIT's strategy of supporting the whole community to be 'Ready for Life and Work' includes a commitment to being part of sustainable, inclusive urban development in the cities where we operate.

Establishing the Melbourne Innovation Districts Partnership together with the City of Melbourne and the University of Melbourne is a key part of this strategic approach.

As a global university of technology, design and enterprise, RMIT's occupies and influences the urban environment in myriad ways, from energy and water use to architecture and urban planning, student communities and networks to employment for educators and knowledge workers, industry partnerships with global corporations and local community organisations.

Our strategy includes a commitment to develop 'places and spaces for collaboration and creativity', and as our university has grown, alongside the growth of the University of Melbourne, we have become institutional anchors for crucial parts of Victoria's wider economy.

RMIT is also a major investor and designer of buildings and precincts, and having completed our award winning student precinct at the New Academic Street on Bowen Street, and re-opened by the iconic Capitol on Swanston Street as an educational and community resource, we are now committed to transforming and renewing a whole city block on Cardigan Street to work for decades to come as a

dedicated social innovation precinct, educating diverse people and creating new solutions to complex social challenges including health, safety, wellbeing, social care, social enterprise, future jobs and the design of new services.

Continuous evolution and enhancement of public spaces, laneways, transport measures, technology infrastructure, community engagement and cross-sector partnerships are an essential part of this approach.

RMIT is working with the state government, industry and the community sector to develop the vision for the Cardigan Street Social Innovation Precinct, and also to ensure that the opening of the Metro Rail project along Swanston streets results in the greatest possible benefits in terms educational access, safety, quality of life and environmental quality as mass public transport options increase.

We are therefore committed to exploring and developing the right connections between different parts of the City North district as outlined in the plan, and to connecting and aligning developments in Cardigan Street, Haymarket, Queen Victoria Market, Franklin Street, Swanston Street, Pelham Street and elsewhere, as appropriate.

RMIT therefore particularly supports the Urban Realm Objectives in the plan:

“The City of Melbourne will work with MID partners, State Government and other partners to deliver on five key objectives in MID City North.

1. Enhance the amenity and function of the district’s built environment, streetscapes and open spaces to make a great place for people.
This objective aims to create places that attract people to live, work and play through a coordinated and holistic approach to placemaking.
2. Use the urban realm as a testbed for City of Melbourne innovation in infrastructure and environmental management.
This objective aims to make MID City North an exemplar in urban infrastructure and environmental management by utilising the most advanced design and technology, and new processes, to support operational efficiency, service excellence and a resilient thriving urban ecology.
3. Facilitate the use of the urban realm by businesses and researchers for testing, demonstrating and engaging new ideas.
This objective aims to adapt, manage and regulate urban spaces to enable public demonstration of new technologies, applied research, and business ideas to inspire and engage, build literacy, and stimulate economic growth.
4. Influence design and delivery of external infrastructure and urban realm projects.
This objective aims to ensure that there is alignment, integration and consistency between the MID vision and principles and the major infrastructure and urban realm projects delivered by RMIT University, the University of Melbourne, the State Government and its major infrastructure bodies, and private developers.

5. Improve transport, mobility and connectivity.

This objective aims to create a district that is hyper- connected and accessible via all modes of transport throughout the area and to other areas of Melbourne.”

RMIT also actively supports the priorities for refreshing the City North Structure Plan, as outlined in this Opportunity Plan, and will dedicate our specialist groups, academic experts and project collaboration to work in the following areas, as outlined in the plan.

“Refresh of the City North Structure Plan (2012).

An update to the City North Structure Plan will maximise the potential of MID City North and outline a vision for this area as a great place for all people.

• **Identify and implement appropriate planning controls.** *The City of Melbourne is reviewing the current planning provisions for the MID to better support land use and built form outcomes that align with the vision for the area to support innovation.*

• **Respond to major State Government projects and commence design on Franklin and Grattan Streets.** *Prioritise design on Franklin and Grattan Streets to realise some of the principles of the MID partnership and mitigate and harness disruption caused by Melbourne Metro.*

• **Continue to work with partners to activate MID City North via test sites and other MID initiatives and programming.** *Continue to work with MID partners and other key stakeholders to activate MID City North via the Open Door initiative, test sites, Melbourne Knowledge Week and other programming.”*

Tom Bentley
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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

It is time to stop endangering young lives by continuing to allow politicians to completely ignore the science on drug usage and harm minimisation and push hardline anti-drug agendas that are purely political in nature whilst their policies place young people in greater danger by encouraging more dangerous behaviour, whether it be sourcing drugs without knowing what is in them, from dodgy sources, or ingesting way more of a substance than they otherwise would in order to avoid detection/arrest by sniffer dogs or law enforcement officers.

The desire to experience expanded states of consciousness has been a constant drive in all societies around the world for thousands of years. This, combined with a strong need to connect with others (which people often achieve with greater ease through taking substances like MDMA), means that the drive to take illicit psychotropic substances cannot be diminished no matter how strict the criminal punishment may be. Prohibition has not worked, and has only

succeeded in creating a black market and violence related to the sale and distribution of the substances.

Studies show that the most destructive drug available is alcohol. It causes far more violent behaviour than any “party drugs”, yet it is sold and consumed legally, largely without creating massive social problems. Yet substances that are far safer to consume, and are far less addictive, such as LSD, psilocybin, and MDMA, are arbitrarily deemed illegal, despite there being mounting scientific evidence that these are non-addictive, and can promote powerful transformations in mental health, with very few risks to long-term health.

Drug testing has been piloted successfully across Europe, leading to a reduction in deaths related to ingestion of dangerous substances (note that death is almost always due to a dangerous and undisclosed substance being ingested without the knowledge of the user, and not by the intended substance itself). Further harm can be minimised through proper education around how to take substances more safely (e.g., not drinking too much water when taking MDMA), which is possible with pill testing.

It is time that we grew up as a community and move beyond a purely punitive regime to understand that there are natural and inherent human desires that prohibition will not control.

It is time for us to take on a more sensible approach to harm minimisation and allow pill testing. The scientific, sociological, and medical fields allow back it, and I implore the City of Melbourne to also ensure it so that we may pressure our politicians at state and national level, to wake up and stop ignoring our voices.

Thank you

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

Dear Committee members,

Thankyou all for taking time to work towards a better Victoria for us all! Drugs are a polarising topic in our society however I believe all peoples intention are to reduce harm and to ensure the safety of all peoples. seeing the success of so many other countries in instigating laws that aim to protect instead of deflagrate citizens and care instead of harm peoples has inspired in me a belief that we can do and have a relationship with drugs as a society that is less damaging though increased acceptance and inclusion into the public sphere. trialling mobile and fixed-site pill testing, banning sniffer dogs, restricting strip searches and decriminalising personal use enable peoples to be helped and create communities of open healing whereas the current laws put issues behind closed doors and locked bars helping peoples through fear which leads to peoples who are subsequently fearful of drug user. This societal fear

pattern oppresses and marginalizes peoples suffering from drug addiction, excluding them from the communities and healing. I urge you to consider these points in your decisions. Thankyou so much for your time and energy!!

Kind Regards,

Dominic

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'6.6 Submission on Proposed Bill to Support a Pill Testing Pilot at Events in Victoria'.

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

My submission is that I support the pill testing pilot for festivals and events. I believe that this is an important step in harm reduction. It is clear that for some time restrictive policies have been favored and that they do not seem to be having any positive impact on harm reduction. I believe that Melbourne and Australia at large need to follow the lead of more progressive government and policy changes such as those seen in the United States and particularly California who are leading the way in decriminalization and therapeutic administration of certain controlled substances.

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6.6 Submission on Proposed Bill to Support a Pill Testing Pilot at Events in Victoria.

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Pill testing saves lives and has been proven in extensive research. Many of our young people are going to experiment – this way we can make sure that they know what they're taking and prevent senseless loss of life.

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Support pill testing! Victoria has been lucky to avoid recording as many deaths as have occurred in NSW over the last few summers but our luck won't hold forever. Melbourne prides itself as an innovative, progressive city and, whatever reservations you may have about pill testing, the evidence that what we've been doing up until this point doesn't save lives should be clear enough that it's time to live up to our reputation and support trying something new.

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Harm reduction for young people recreationally using drugs has emerged as an urgent drug policy following overdose deaths at music festivals in recent years.

Pill testing is an effective tactic to reduce drug related harm. Progressive drug policy geared towards harm reduction would involve accessible pill testing, an emphasis on maximising safety and modifications to policing. Australian drug policy must begin to accept drugs as a reality in the lives of young people, as per Parker, Aldridge and Measham's thesis of normalization. Drug policies cannot be based on moral values and fear. 'Party drugs' are being treated as a deviancy and criminal issue rather than as a public health crisis. The approach of zero tolerance policing and abstinence advocacy demonstrates a misunderstanding of why young people do drugs and where drug related harm arises from.

If party drug use has become normalized for young Australians, then we could conclude that previous approaches to drug education and policy, often advocating abstinence, have not been as effective as intended (Duff 2005). Furthermore, prohibitive drug policy and campaigns grounded in fear will do little to reduce recreational party drug use for generations who have already experienced and normalized it (Duff 2005). As prohibitive drug policies fail and young people continue to experience harm from drug use, a new approach based in harm minimisation and safer use is desperately needed. Prohibition policies demonstrate idealism, we need pragmatism and realism in Australian drug policy. Pill testing is desperately needed to reduce harm for young people in Australia.

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Pull testing services

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My company is set up to conduct drug testing on site right now
We have the equipment required and highly trained staff to perform drug testing immediately
We are fully accredited
I am happy to be contacted on this any time on 0407477617
John franceschini

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Agenda item title: Horse racing industry

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Submissions in support of Cr Leppert's motion for the City of Melbourne to condemn the horse racing industry and make future applications for events that celebrate and support horse racing ineligible.

That the Future Melbourne Committee:

1. Condemns the systemic cruelty and 'wastage' produced by the horse racing industry.

2. Directs management to amend and republish forthwith the City of Melbourne's Event Partnership Program guidelines and Triennial Sponsorship Program guidelines with an additional class of events added to the list of 'ineligible applications' being "Events that celebrate or involve horse racing."

If voted in, this would ensure an end to the annual Melbourne Cup Eve Parade which is nothing more than a glorification of gambling and animal abuse.

The parade is becoming a dismal affair, with the number of supporters dropping each year as the number of protesters grows. And it all comes at a huge cost to City of Melbourne ratepayers who fork out an “undisclosed” but no doubt huge amount towards an already multi-billion dollar industry.

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Councillor's Motion To Withdraw All Support Of Horse Racing

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Horse Racing is a practice that a large majority of the Melbourne population view as cruel and exploitative of non human animals. They have exhibited this defiance by the extensive 'Nup to the Cup' events and protests, and they do because they acknowledge that horses are complex and sentient beings that should not be used as mere means for the entertainment pleasure of others. The parade celebrates a practice that not only most Melburnians would repudiate, but which should not be glorified in any way whatsoever.

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Agenda item title: * Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Cessation of City of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing

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Committee,

I support this motion to remove events that celebrate horse racing from the events calendar.

The industry has systematically failed to address the slaughter of horses for pet food over many years, and continues to dither. The industry response, a series of powerpoint slides, contains a meaningless word-salad with terms like:

“horse-centric decision making”

“Lifecycle study of foal crops”

“Develop relationships with knackeries and abattoirs”

While the industry cannot take real responsibility for the welfare of ALL the horses it breeds into existence, it does not deserve public support. Indeed, its social licence appears to be slipping away, with record low crowds attending spring carnival race events, and widespread condemnation by many voices within society.

The City of Melbourne should have no role in promoting this distasteful business, and should stop the disruption to other businesses and the public of the parade and associated events.

Local CBD resident and National President, Animal Justice Party, Bruce Poon

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Agenda item title: * 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Cessation of City of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing

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Dear City of Melbourne Meeting Group

This is a written response in regards to Agenda Item 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Cessation of City of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing. I oppose this motion. The horse racing industry delivers so many benefits to the city of Melbourne and the City of Melbourne should continue to support events such as The Melbourne Cup Parade. The Melbourne Cup Parade is an iconic event in Melbourne that the public have embraced for many years.

The 2019 Melbourne Cup Parade that was supported by the City of Melbourne, and included the participation of The Lord Mayor Sally Capp was a great success, with tremendous support from the general public.

<https://www.flemington.com.au/calendar/2019-11-04/lexus-melbourne-cup-parade>

Lexus Melbourne Cup Parade | Victoria Racing Club

Lexus Melbourne Cup hero Craig Williams will chase Group 1 wins in two countries this weekend. Williams, who completed Australian racing's 'grand slam' with victory aboard Vow And Declare on Tuesday, will ride at Flemington on Saturday before jetting to Singapore for the country's premier race day on Sunday.

www.flemington.com.au

In the Racing Victoria 2018 Annual Report, the CEO Gilles Thompson states that "Investments in integrity, equine welfare, participant wellbeing, infrastructure and prizemoney remained central to our operations."

<https://cdn.racing.com/-/media/rv/files/2018/rv-annual-report-2018---digital-final-211118.pdf>

Thoroughbred Racing provides tremendous economic benefit to the state of Victoria delivering 3.2 billion dollars of economic benefit to the state, and providing 25,000 full time jobs. It deserves the support of the City of Melbourne.

The Melbourne Cup is a cultural event of international significance, it is the race that stops the nation. A true iconic event that is emblematic of the Australian spirit. City of Melbourne should celebrate the horse racing industry, it should accentuate the positive.

Racing Victoria is committed to strengthening equine welfare and integrity.

http://www.aph.gov.au/binaries/senate/committee/history/animalwelfare_ctte/racing_industry/report.pdf

In the 1990 Senate Inquiry into the Horse Racing Industry one of the conclusions that Chairman A.R. Devlin noted was that "The committee received considerable evidence during the inquiry that concern for the welfare of competing animals was a prime consideration for those involved in the industry, ranging from breeders and owners to racing administrators."

The horse is the centrepiece of Thoroughbred Horse Racing and concern for the welfare of the horse has always been of great importance to participants.

The 1990 Senate Inquiry report also acknowledged that improvements could be made in the welfare of horses, and as evidenced by the statements in the 2018 Racing Victoria report, the industry is fully cognisant of these issues and is taking measured steps to improve the health and wellbeing of animals in the industry.

The horse racing industry is committed to improving the welfare of thoroughbreds in the Horse Racing industry.

There are issues that are addressed in the 1990 Senate Inquiry that are also rated noteworthy in the Horseracingkills website –

<https://horseracingkills.com/issues/deathwatch/>

The statistic of 122 horses passing away is mentioned on the horseracingkills website .

However, the previous year the number was 136 horses passing away. That is a reduction of more than ten per cent, an indication that the Racing Industry is serious about improving conditions for horses. To suggest that things are getting worse would be a misrepresentation of the situation.

https://horseracingkills.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/FINAL_DW_web.pdf

http://www.aph.gov.au/binaries/senate/committee/history/animalwelfare_ctte/racing_industry/report.pdf

It should be noted that the horseracingkills website acknowledges that "This deathwatch serves as a reminder for why the Australian Racing Industry must introduce welfare reform in order to survive as an ethical, sustainable industry in Australia." In Racing Victoria's report from 2018 it is noted that 8,821 horses competed in Victoria alone. How many horses died at Victoria racetracks? What percentage of participants did that constitute? It would appear that a small percentage die at racetracks. In regards to the whip, it would appear that the trend in Victoria is that the whip will be eliminated.

Again, it is worth repeating that Racing Victoria is committed to introducing welfare reform. Horseracingkills accepts that horse racing should have a place in our society should welfare reform be introduced.

Australian Racehorse Deathwatch

A report on fatalities in the last racing year.

horseracingkills.com

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Again, it is worth repeating that Racing Victoria is committed to introducing welfare reform. Horseracingkills accepts that horse racing should have a place in our society should welfare reform be introduced. And if horse racing deserves a place in our society, then it should be considered appropriate that City of Melbourne continues to support the horse racing industry.

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The horse is the centrepiece of the sport and the horse racing industry is committed to delivering the equine athletes with the utmost care.

One of the most iconic moments in Australian history was the Charge of the Light Brigade at Beersheba, where men pushed their horses to the limit. This is a celebrated moment in Australia's history, and illustrates the importance in Australian society of the

relationship between man and horse. There is a painting at the NGV Federation Square that celebrates this moment.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/blog/the-charge-of-the-4th-light-horse-brigade-at-beersheba>

When the community becomes more aware of many of the issues raised here, with a balanced mind, the sentiment would be that it would be reasonable for the City of Melbourne to continue to support the horse racing industry, and events that celebrate the horse racing industry such as the Iconic Melbourne Cup Parade.

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Best regards

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Sunday 10 November 2019

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Racing and carnival to STOP

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.

We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

Please stop Horse racing and horse carnivals. This is outdated practice now.

Be progressive and in line with kindness to all things. Make it a better leading and progressive state . You wont regret it

Colleen spears

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Agenda item title: * 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Cessation of City of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing

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7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Cessation of City of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing

I would like to make a submission in support of the motion for the cessation of City of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing.

It is my understanding the background of the submission is factually correct, and the ABC have clearly indicated in their responses to the expose aired on the 7.30 report to confirm their sources were accurate and their statistics have been independently verified. Professor Paul McGreevy, who has 25 years research into racing and has conducted multiple data-based studies and published reports confirmed that at least 4000 horses are disappearing each year, and this figure does not include the horses that never make it to the track. However, the issue of cruelty to animals

goes beyond the wastage of retired race horses and the horses that never make it to the track. This story went to air against a backdrop of a prominent horse trainer Darren Weir being formally charged by Victorian Police for animal cruelty by using electric shocks on horses as part of his training. It is also known that race horses are routinely administered performance enhancing drugs and other medications that allow jockeys to push them beyond the limits of their endurance and many horses suffer intestinal ulcers and bleeding from the lungs as a result of such treatments. And this year the runner up of the Melbourne Cup received a \$10,000 fine for overuse of a whip and \$50,000 of prize money for coming second place. We must ask ourselves why they need to whip the horses at all. Horses are made to race long before the development of their skeletal structures is complete, and the result is lifelong spinal injuries. And the jockeys use painful spurs to make the animals run faster, and many horses even have their tongues tied for the duration of the race.

The council should support this motion because of the cruel nature of this sport. But also, because ratepayer's money should not be used to support an industry that encourages gambling and alcoholism. Many of the major sponsors are alcohol companies, and the social cost of alcohol abuse in our country is frightening. A study into the social cost of alcohol by the Australian Institute of Criminology suggests that the societal costs of alcohol outweigh the revenue generated by taxation on the industry by 2:1 (<https://aic.gov.au/publications/tandi/tandi454>). These costs include policing, healthcare, productivity and traffic accidents. Around 6000 deaths in Australia are directly attributable to alcohol related diseases every year. (<https://www.cancerwa.asn.au/articles/news-2018/alcohol-causes-nearly-6000-australian-deaths-in-on/>).

Further, the problem of gambling on our communities is another social cost that should be supported by ratepayers. Statistics about gambling. Responsible Gambling Victoria estimates the cost to Victoria in 2014 at around 7 billion dollars. (<https://www.cancerwa.asn.au/articles/news-2018/alcohol-causes-nearly-6000-australian-deaths-in-on/>) This includes 2.2 billion in family and relationship problems, and 1.6 billion in emotional and psychological issues including depression, violence and suicide.

The industry might suggest that these problems are separate to the Spring Carnival and the Melbourne Cup. But the statistics release by Victoria Health around the increased incidences of domestic violence on Melbourne Cup day confirm that the problems of alcohol and gambling losses have a direct consequence in our communities on the day and that cost is worn by the women and children in our communities. (<https://www.aic.gov.au/publications/rip/rip07>)

For all these reasons, I fully support the motion to end support for events that celebrate horse racing and I urge the councillors to give this motion their support. I am available to address these concerns in person at the meeting to be held on the 12th.

Yours sincerely,

David Leyden

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Agenda item title: * Withdrawal of support for horseracing

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Withdrawal of support of horseracing by the Melbourne City Council

Submitted by: Elio Celotto Campaign Director, Coalition for the Protection of Racehorses

Date: 11 November 2019

I am the Campaign Director for the Coalition for the Protection of Racehorses. I am also a ratepayer to the City of Melbourne.

As the leading Australian advocacy body for horses used by the racing industry, we have been investigating, researching and reporting on the truth that occurs behind the scenes in this industry for well over a decade. Unfortunately, we have had no other choice but to come to the conclusion that horse racing is beyond redemption.

The issues that negatively impact horses are systemic and extremely cruel.

Horseracing has again been in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons. Images of former racehorses being sent to slaughter has exposed the dark underbelly of horseracing. However, this is no revelation. This has been occurring way before any of us were even born. This treatment of racehorses is business as usual for an industry that breeds, exploits and discards their thoroughbreds while at the same time claiming their horses are the best looked after animals in the world. This is not anything to celebrate and certainly not an industry that should be supported by a progressive council such as Melbourne.

But it's not just the indiscriminate slaughter of racehorses that is the problem. It's the day to day treatment of racehorses.

Horses are routinely whipped to push them beyond their physical limits. Furthermore, the whipping rules have insufficient penalties and are not properly policed by stewards

As a result 90% of racehorses bleed in the lungs

Spurs, bits and tongue ties are used to dominate, harm and control and the illegal use of electric shock devices

Most racehorses will also race with pre-existing injuries that lead to a rapid decline in their ability to race.

At least 1 horse is killed on Australian racetracks every 3 days.

The average racing career is less than 3 years

Most racehorses while in training are kept in what the racing industry calls a box (about the size of an average bedroom) for up to 23 hours per day

As a result of an unnatural feeding regime, 90% will suffer from stomach ulcers

And this is just the beginning.

As a society, we must no longer condone animal cruelty in any form. The Melbourne City Council banned the use of exotic animals in circuses in 2016. For the same reason, it now needs to ban its support for an industry that relies

on animal exploitation to generate over 19 billion dollars in betting turnover alone, however cannot provide the very horses it relies upon to exist, a retirement plan To the industry, these horses are nothing more than a commercial commodity who serve only one purpose.

For these reasons and more we must express our strong support of Cr Rohan Leppert's motion for the City of Melbourne to condemn the shocking abuse and killing of racehorses and to make all future applications of support for horse racing events and celebrations ineligible.

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7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Cessation of City of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing

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11 November 2019

Cr Rohan Leppert

Future Melbourne Committee
Council Meeting Room, Level 2
Town Hall Administration Building
Submitted [online](#)

***Animals Australia submission regarding Agenda Item 7.2 Notice of Motion -
Cessation of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing.***

Dear Cr Leppert,

Animals Australia welcomes your Notice of Motion to cease support for events that celebrate horse racing ("**Notice of Motion**"), and we are grateful for the opportunity to make a submission in this regard.

Peak racing bodies have long understood the scale of healthy thoroughbreds being slaughtered for food and pet meat and yet allowed this to continue. The fact that significant funds allocated to rehoming programs have gone unspent and breeding restrictions have not been implemented, reveals the industry's long acceptance of mass deaths of healthy horses and their hope that this issue would remain unexposed.

The recent charging by Victorian Police of Melbourne Cup winning trainer Darren Weir for engaging in the "torturing, abusing, overworking and terrifying" of a thoroughbred race horse, and three counts of causing unreasonable pain or suffering to a race horse, reinforces that some in this industry have a 'win at all costs' mentality. Evidence will undoubtedly continue to emerge to support this.

Our experience is that such industries do not fear regulators and that they will only act if failing to do so will reduce the financial gain for their industry. It is therefore our hope, and that of all Australians who care about the welfare of horses, that the City of Melbourne withdraws its support and celebration of an industry that relies on unsustainable and cruel practices.

As such, we would welcome a decision by the City of Melbourne to pass the Notice of Motion.

We note that the Victorian Racing Club ("**VRC**") has recently announced a particularised welfare commitment (on 28 October 2019) to address the post-racing wellbeing of racehorses. Unfortunately, the VRC commitments are wholly ineffective in addressing the serious and immanent welfare issues at play. To explain:

- a) An expansion of re-homing and fostering programs for Thoroughbreds (and, indeed, "post-racing career options") will not withstand the magnitude of over-breeding and "wastage" in the industry. The national horse racing industry breeds approximately 13,000 Thoroughbreds and 4,000 Standardbreds each year. Approximately one-third of these horses (i.e. between 5,500 to 6,000) exit the industry each year. Considering horses have a natural lifespan of 20+ years, there are simply not enough long-term homes for this many horses.

- b) The horse racing industry continues to encourage breeding, indeed Racing NSW has [confirmed](#) that it will “not assess or change the number of racehorses bred each year”. Further, Racing Victoria, for example, promotes Thoroughbred breeding through the Victorian Owners and Breeders Incentive Scheme (“**VOBIS**”). VOBIS encourages investment in Victorian-bred horses through racetrack prize bonuses. In 2017/18, \$11.95 million was claimed under the VOBIS scheme. Not only is the Victorian industry encouraging high breeding rates, but it is failing to prevent Super VOBIS-registered horses from being slaughtered (for example ‘War Ends’ was a Super VOBIS-registered horse featured in the *7.30 report*).
- c) That the mass killing of healthy horses will continue is acknowledged by the VRC plan. The VRC commitment does not address over-breeding, but instead proposes to move the killings from slaughterhouses to on-farm. This is at odds with community values and expectations.
- d) The tracking system proposed by VRC would only extend to those horses that do not “fall out of” the industry’s proposed “Off the Track” program. As we know, traceability of horses is a serious issue within the industry and relies on the data input by horse owners and trainers. The current “Stud Book” facilitated by Racing Australia has been shown to be fraught with false and dated data. A national tracking system will rely on the same limitations in terms of data integrity, and the “gap” or loophole for which “retired” horses fall out of the system will continue to exist.
- e) Further, the current commitment by VRC as it relates to horses that “fall out of” the proposed system is limited to “analysis of data” on livestock sales, and independent audits. Simply put, there are no preventative safeguards for the welfare and traceability of these horses.

The above points are certainly not exhaustive. Other known and unaddressed serious issues include: trackside deaths; whipping; tongue-tying; training abuse (electric shocks); drugging; and bleeding in the lungs due to running at abnormally fast paces over extended distances (which impacts up to 90% of racehorses).

In short, the industry has wilfully allowed the mass slaughter and over-breeding of horses to continue for decades under a self-regulated arrangement. Under the VRC commitment, self-regulation will continue and the over-breeding and mass killing of healthy horses will continue.

Animals Australia urges the City of Melbourne to cease supporting events involving and celebrating horse racing cruelty, including the Melbourne Cup parade.

Please contact me if further clarification is required.

Yours sincerely,

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Why glorify animal abuse? The racing industry is guilty of cruelty and neglect of horses. Sure there are a few that care and look after their horses, but what are they doing to change their industry. What about all the cruelty that starts from their over breeding only to sent thousands of horses even foals to the doggers, what about racing the horses to young and forcing them to over e wet themselves till they bleed internally or breakdown. What about the winners that are discarded at the doggers rather than using a portion of the winnings to secure a safe retirement. What about the people who send their horses to 'good homes' and then wash their hands of them. Many of those horses change hands lots of times and end up at the doggers. That's why the industry has never wanted a registry to trace horses. Not to mention the social ills associated with alcohol and gambling. This is what the Melbourne Cup Parade symbolizes and I hope you don't give it any support.

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Tuesday 12 November 2019

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Support for Horse Racing should be halted

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

Dear Councillors,
I join so many Australians who are appalled at the horse racing industry's practices, particularly those which involve the systematic abuse of horses. Please do not glorify this dirty "sport" by allowing parades which celebrate events such as the Melbourne Cup, to take place in your city.

Yours truly,

Janenne Kornfeld

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Item 7.2: Cessation of City financial support for events that celebrate horse racing

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.

I support motion 7.2 as moved and seconded by Councillors Leppert and Gilley.

We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

The horse racing industry in Australasia has an irredeemably bad culture. Peripheral entities such as the City of Melbourne play an important enabling role for the industry. In aggregate their support helps sanitise and normalise the activities of the industry so that the industries' end product attains some sort of veneer of respectability and sophistication.

I see nothing controversial in expecting the VRC to bear the full commercial cost of holding its parade.

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Thursday 12 December 2019

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No to dog and horse racing

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

Dear madam/sir...I'm appalled ABOUT animals being exploited for entertainment and money by those devoid of compassion. Sociopaths are every where. They can't feel shame nor compassion. which mental illnesses do you hide to allow dark cruelty to innocent animals? Why can't you care? Sick? If you can't feel compassion –get the hell out of any leadership role. The rest of us kind; caring folk have had enough of you.

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Thursday 30 January 2020

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Horseracing

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.

Do discuss pulling all funding for the barbaric industry being horseracing. Hang your heads very low on the shameful behaviour of breeders, trainers and slaughtermen.

We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

All animals deserve to be treated humanely right up to last moment when they are slaughtered.

Greyhounds and horses are subjected to disgraceful cruel behaviour that is endemic and unchecked.

So many other Countries have banned these sports yet here the Government invests money in tracks. STOP IT!

Show some respect to all animals instead of money so idiots can gamble.

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Agenda Item 7.2 – Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Cessation of City of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

I fully support the Motion from Cr Rohan Leppert: "Cessation of City of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing". I agree that Council should not use rate payers' funds to support such cruel events as horse racing, an industry that profits from the exploitation and abuse of horses.

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

Australia's rapacious gambling industry causes enormous harm in the community and it's time we stopped normalising it and started regulating it properly.

The public holiday Tuesday is bizarre enough but there is also no other horse race in the world that has a street parade on the day before.

During the course of this term, City of Melbourne has largely seen off the horse drawn carriages from Swanston St on a daily basis, so it's time to also remove horses from Swanston St during the Spring Racing Carnival.

What is the point of the Melbourne Cup Parade? It is increasingly providing a platform for protestors to target the

horse racing industry, disrupts the world's busiest tram route and doesn't draw a particularly large crowd.

The costs for Victoria Police, Yarra Trams and council must be significant given the logistics involved. As part of this debate, could you also please disclose the full cost to ratepayers of the Parade and also how generous the rate exemptions are for Flemington Race Course.

Maybe one possibility here would be for the Parade to continue but only if it is fully funded by the heavily subsidised and enormously powerful racing/gambling industry.

Another piece of leverage for council would be to insist that the 2020 Parade will be only supported if the barbaric practice of whipping horses is banned for the 2020 Melbourne Cup. Even Lloyd Williams supports this move.

Please remember that this motion is not about banning a horse race. The Melbourne Cup will go on without dragging the horses into the centre of town the day before the big race. Wouldn't the trainers and jockeys just prefer to be preparing their horses anyway? Have you asked them?

By all means continue to have a less disruptive event at Federation Square – authorised by the state government – but make it horse free, only involving jockeys, owners, trainers and the like. And don't allow any City of Melbourne ratepayer funds to be spent on it.

It should be noted that City of Melbourne, like most Victorian councils, does not support circuses that exploit live animals.

The racing/gambling industry is increasingly becoming a circus and as members of the Alliance for Gambling Reform, it would be great to see City of Melbourne councillors leading on this issue by withdrawing support for the Melbourne Cup parade, insofar as it involves council spending money to allow humans to get their race horses to disrupt the world's busiest tram route on a work day in order to promote Australia's highest profile gambling event which drains an estimated \$250 million from Australian gamblers each year.

Finally, any councillor who has received campaign funding from the gambling industry should probably note this during the debate and also consider whether there is a conflict of interest.

The Australian Hotels Association donated \$40,000 to the Team Doyle campaign in 2016 and it was noteworthy that the AHA held a 5 hour lunch in the Botanical Garden immediately after the 2019 Melbourne Cup parade which The Australian newspaper reported on Tuesday was attended by approximately 30 politicians.

The gambling industry is infamous for their political influencing techniques through donations and entertainment so if any councillors attended this luncheon last Monday they should consider disclosing this during the debate.

Yours Sincerely

Stephen Mayne

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Agenda item title: * 7.2 Notice of Motion Cr Leppert Cessation of City of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing.

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

Dear Future Melbourne Committee

I am a concerned Melbournian who has worked in North Melbourne for 9 years.

I am writing to you because I have always felt uncomfortable with the horse racing industry. It is simply animal cruelty through the use of jiggers, whips, tongue ties, drugs, treadmills and horrific injury/death during races. Those in the industry say they love their animals yet we see trainers and jockeys charged with breaking the rules time and time again.

Now there is also evidence of the mass slaughter of healthy horses. Wastage the industry calls it.

There is growing public outcry towards the horse racing industry and justifiably so.

And it's not only racehorses exploited by this cruel industry, as nearly half of all regular race bettors have experienced gambling related problems. There is also a clear link between gambling and domestic violence.

Further, the first of the City of Melbourne ICARE values is INTEGRITY. The horse racing industry clearly lacks integrity. It's important that a leading organisation does not support an industry that is not aligned with it's own values.

Please do not support a socially destructive and cruel industry.

I, and my family, fully support the motion put forward by Cr Leppert and urge all councillors to :

- Condemn the systemic cruelty and 'wastage' produced by the horse racing industry.
- Direct management to amend and republish forthwith the City of Melbourne's Event Partnership Program guidelines and Triennial Sponsorship Program guidelines with an additional class of events added to the list of 'ineligible applications' being "Events that celebrate or involve horse racing".

With your help, the City of Melbourne can continue to be a leading organisation.

Kind Regards

Tracey Greene

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7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Cessation of City of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing

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**Submission to the Future Melbourne Committee - Agenda Item 7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert:
Cessation of City of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing**

We write in support of Agenda Item 7.2. We hope to see City of Melbourne cease using ratepayers money to support any events that directly or indirectly cause very cruel and unsustainable practices on these intelligent animals, as a direct result of the horse racing industry.

An estimated 10,000 horses killed in slaughterhouses, among other cruel practices, after being bred, fed and raised for the sole purpose of providing fleeting moments of entertainment for humans, is inexcusable. We have evolved as a society and have plenty of other forms of entertainment and excitement today where we don't need to maintain an archaic form of entertainment that is well-established how unsustainable it is. It may have been okay 100-200 years ago to have horse racing as an excuse for people to dress up and socialise but the world has since changed and we need to as well. Surely nowadays we have plenty of other excuses to dress up and socialise, that many other City of Melbourne sponsored events provide. Let's not keep repeating cruel practices and mistakes for the sake of an archaic tradition.

We hope to see the rest of the FMC committee supporting this Notice of Motion.

Sincerely

Artemis Pattichi
In representation of the Southbank Sustainability Group

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7.2 Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Cessation of City of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing

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Submission to the City of Melbourne's Future Melbourne Committee

Agenda Item 7.2 - Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Cessation of City of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing

Racing Victoria is a public company which provides independent governance of the Victorian thoroughbred racing industry.

Our objectives are to develop, encourage, promote and manage the conduct of thoroughbred racing by encouraging broad participation and sustainably growing the industry's economic and social value.

The thoroughbred racing industry is a vital contributor to the state of Victoria generating \$3.2 billion in annual economic benefit and delivering the equivalent of 25,000 full-time jobs.

With 67 racetracks statewide, the sport is an integral part of the social fabric of Victoria bringing together communities right across the state.

The Melbourne Cup Carnival, including the Melbourne Cup Parade, is an iconic sporting and culture event that has enjoyed a 160-year affinity with the City of Melbourne and has been an important contributor to the State of Victoria.

The Melbourne Cup Parade is ingrained in the City's identity and attracts global praise and admiration. It is an unparalleled experience that keeps enticing visitors back to Melbourne each year.

For these reasons Racing Victoria strongly opposes Cr Leppert's motion to add events that celebrate or involve horse racing to an 'ineligible applications' list of events and the subsequent changes to the City's events partnership and sponsorship guidelines.

Whilst Racing Victoria welcomes public debate on promoting improved welfare outcomes for thoroughbred racehorses, we submit that it would be an inappropriate and disproportionate response for opportunities for the general community to celebrate racing to be curtailed as proposed by the motion.

In direct response to the motion put forward by Cr Leppert, the inhumane treatment of any horse is unacceptable and as an industry the care of the horse is a key priority and something we take seriously.



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More than \$350 million is spent annually by owners on the training, care and welfare of racehorses in Victoria. Additionally, Racing Victoria spends close to \$15 million each year on integrity, veterinary services and equine welfare.

In October we announced a \$25 million plan dedicated to the welfare of Victorian thoroughbreds with an immediate focus on their post-racing wellbeing.

This landmark commitment will fund the first three-years of an ongoing program to accelerate and expand the industry's Equine Welfare Strategic Plan which was launched in July of this year.

There are many challenges to overcome, particularly when the racing industry has no jurisdiction or oversight of retired racehorses, however we are committed to making important steps in the interests of our equine stars, the sport more broadly and the state of Victoria.

To address these concerns, we have developed an accelerated action plan to prioritise a statewide re-homing program; furthering post-racing career options; a statewide foster program; an advanced tracking system; an equine welfare taskforce; a humane euthanasia program; and responsible breeding.

Further to the motion being put forward by Cr Leppert and the use of the term 'wastage' it must be noted that the national thoroughbred racing foal crop has declined by 30% over the past decade so there has been a natural attrition.

Our aim is to work with industry stakeholders and regulators to ensure that each horse bred has genuine prospects of making it to the racetrack and fully support a national responsible breeding campaign led by Racing Australia.

All within racing were horrified at the inhumane treatment of retired racehorses depicted recently on the ABC. Our immediate priority is addressing the 'causes' - increasing re-homing opportunities and creating a foster program for those horses in need so that there is an alternative for them rather than such facilities.

In response to the background information provided I would like to inform the Future Melbourne Committee that Victoria's raceday fatality rate is among the lowest in world racing with a safety record of 99.95%.

Since 2005, Victoria has averaged just under 43,000 annual starters in flat races for an average of 22 fatalities per year - a fatal incident rate of 0.05%. Nationally there are more than 180,000 starters in races across Australia each year.

Racing Victoria is striving to reduce raceday fatalities towards zero and we're making significant investments in world leading research and technology to achieve this.

Victoria's \$5.25 million Equine Limb Injury Prevention Program is the most significant research of its type in the world. The Equine Limb Injury Prevention Program's aim is to develop best-practice strategies in the prevention and early



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detection of bone injury to thoroughbred racehorses. The three-year research program is a key part of the industry's commitment to reducing horse injuries and fatalities.

This year, the industry has also supported a \$1.3 million investment in the purchase and construction of a standing CT scanner at the University of Melbourne's Equine Clinic at Werribee. The first of its kind in Australia, the scanner is designed to help in the early detection of limb injuries and is a long-term investment in the health of the entire Victorian equine community.

Our equine athletes are the heartbeat of the racing industry and we will continue to champion their welfare and safety to ensure we are meeting both the needs of the horse and community expectations.

Giles Thompson
Chief Executive
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Submissions (Section 223) Committee

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Thursday 14 November 2019

Agenda item title: *

Melbourne Cup

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

Please withdraw your support of the Melbourne Cup Parade, as well as the Melbourne Cup itself. Both events glorify systemic animal cruelty as well as unhealthy vices like gambling. You call yourself a progressive city and you have the power to end this, so please hear us as we led you our voices from around the world to end this farce.

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Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Cessation of City of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing

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Background

Victoria Racing Club is the custodian of the national-heritage listed Flemington Racecourse, home of the Melbourne Cup. The Club was established in 1864, with the first Melbourne Cup being run at Flemington in 1861.

Significance of the Melbourne Cup Carnival

The Melbourne Cup Carnival is a major economic driver and employer. It is arguably the world's greatest racing carnival with a reach of around 750m households globally.

As Australia's biggest racing carnival it supports the strength of the broader racing industry and brings significant benefit to Melbourne in terms of both economic and social benefits.

The Melbourne Cup Carnival is a cornerstone of Melbourne's reputation as the world's sporting and major events capital.

The Carnival generated the following in 2018:

- **ECONOMIC BENEFIT** – the Melbourne Cup Carnival generated **\$447.6 million** in gross economic benefit to Victoria, a record high and up nearly 20% since 2014
- **TOURISM** – attendance by 73,781 out-of-state individuals; including 66,591 event motivated attendees. **34.3% of overall Carnival attendees were from out-of-state**
- **ACCOMMODATION** – spending on accommodation (\$33.7 m) saw **251,362 commercial accommodation bed nights** booked
- **RETAIL SPENDING** – including fashion and grooming the Melbourne Cup Carnival generated **\$62.9 million in retail spending**, up over 10% on 2017
- **NATIONAL IMPACT** – for every \$1 of gross economic benefit received in Victoria, **\$1.09 is generated in other parts of Australia.**
- **JOBS** – the Carnival was responsible for the employment of more than **21,000 staff and contractors working** for more than 800 companies and suppliers
- **TWITTER** – the Lexus Melbourne Cup was live streamed to a global audience on Twitter for the third year, reaching **2.4 million global** total unique viewers, up 50% on 2017
- **CHARITY** – during a two-year partnership the VRC and JDRF raised more than **\$760,000 through Pin & Win** to help find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Since Pin & Win began in 1995, over \$6 million has been raised for important community causes.



Melbourne Cup Parade

Victoria Racing Club enjoys a strong and productive partnership with the City of Melbourne in delivering the iconic Melbourne Cup Parade, embraced by tens of thousands of Melbournians and out of state visitors.

The Victoria Racing Club (VRC) is critical of any move that hinders the efforts to improve equine welfare or potentially impacts negatively on the livelihoods of the people of Melbourne.

The establishment of the VRC Equine Wellbeing Fund has been welcomed by the community as a positive move in addressing horse welfare. It is constructive action, supported by many members of the community, as a positive and progressive way of addressing the issues raised around unacceptable treatment of some former racehorses. The Melbourne Cup Carnival provides a major contribution to this fund, with 10% of general admission ticket sales and 5% of VRC annual membership fees put aside towards its establishment.

The Melbourne Cup Carnival is also a significant driver of retail sales for traders in the City of Melbourne and is welcomed every year by those retailers who look forward to increased sales as a consequence of this major sporting and fashion event. Every year, the VRC welcomes the support of the City of Melbourne and our fellow ratepayers, as the racecourse lies within the City's municipal boundaries and is one of the most important contributors to Melbourne's reputation as the major events capital.

While many individuals have quite rightly registered their protest at what they saw on the 7:30 program last month, most have seen that the best way forward is to support the racing industry in addressing the issue of horse welfare in a proactive manner. The VRC welcomes that support and also welcomes and values the support of the City of Melbourne in helping to ensure that Victorian retailers continue to benefit from horse racing, attracting a large share of the \$31 million spent on accommodation during the Melbourne Cup Carnival; the \$62.9 million spent in retail (mostly fashion); the \$29 million spent on food and beverages; and the \$10 million brought into Melbourne and surrounds by the more than 7,000 people who come on cruise liners specifically for the Carnival.

Equine Wellbeing Fund

Equine welfare is a key pillar of the VRC's strategy with a number of initiatives already established.

It has been forefront of our Club's strategy and vision to be a global leader in best practice equine wellbeing, and supporting the industry's strategic objectives in this space also.

The VRC is taking further positive steps to address equine welfare concerns by establishing the VRC Equine Wellbeing Fund, kick-started with a contribution of more than \$1 million.

This fund will be kick started by 10% of all public ticket sales for this year's Melbourne Cup Carnival, and 5% of VRC annual membership fees being redirected to the VRC Equine Wellbeing Fund for the care of racehorses.



The initiative will enable the acceleration of more of the VRC's plans to support the wellbeing of racehorses across all stages of their lives.

We want everyone to know that we are absolutely committed to the wellbeing of racehorses both on and off the track.

We fully endorse and commend Racing Victoria's (RV) investment of \$25 million to support the fast-tracking of the industry's off-the-track initiatives. We are pleased to support the industry with our own substantial fund.

We know our sponsors, members and the thousands of people who enjoy the Melbourne Cup Carnival all have a genuine concern for the care of our horses.

Many of our stakeholders and partners are looking for ways to contribute to their wellbeing and this action taken by the VRC facilitates a direct and substantial contribution by everyone. The VRC Equine Wellbeing Fund will support that on an ongoing basis.

This significant boost in funding through the VRC's Equine Wellbeing Fund shows that we are in lock-step with RV in taking firm action to address the issue of equine welfare in a demonstrable way.

In addition, we have appointed a Horse Wellbeing Officer to oversee our fast-tracked horse wellbeing initiatives and to work with the industry and all its stakeholders to ensure that this substantial financial contribution will be used to address the need for improved equine welfare practices.

Contributions to the new fund will be ongoing which will enable the Club to continue to provide a world-class experience for all equine athletes and ensure that the VRC is recognised globally as one of the leading race clubs in this regard.

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Date of meeting: * Monday 11 November 2019

Agenda item title: Horse Racing

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

The recent ABC 7.30 report highlights the racing industry for what it really is an outdated industry just like the whaling industry. An industry that thrives on the abuse of animals.

Further to what has been exposed and so clearly found repugnant by an ever-increasing number of the population I submit the following video link that exposes the industry to other deeper abuse of these animals that are purportedly treated like royalty. Founder and President Patrick Battuello speaking at a NYS Senate hearing on Equine Welfare.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?t=1&v=435098930647369>

Not a nice thing to be seen supporting

Sincerely

:Richard-james

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 12 November 2019

Agenda item title: Cessation of City of Melbourne support for events that celebrate horse racing

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

I am writing to ask that Melbourne City Council sever ties with the Spring Racing Carnival, in particular the Melbourne Cup Parade.

I had always suspected that this 'sport' was inherently cruel to animals. After seeing the expose on the ABC 7.30 Report my suspicions were not just confirmed, but I realise I had grossly underestimated the level of abuse inflicted on these magnificent beings.

Australians are so quick to criticise other cultures for their actions towards animals but are we any better?

Please reconsider your connection to this barbaric and increasingly unpopular industry. Let Melbourne lead the way!

Kind regards,
Susan Crossley

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Please indicate which meeting you would like to make a submission to by selecting the appropriate button: * Gaming Planning Provisions Committee

Date of meeting: * Tuesday 12 November 2019

Agenda item title: Ban Animal Racing

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

I am in support of banning of horse racing and any other racing that involves animals in a negative way.

By “negative way” I mean a race where there is a decent chance that animals will be injured or die as a direct result of racing.

There are too many life threatening injuries occurring to Horse and Dogs directly related to racing (at the event or as a result of the event).

Thousands of dogs that aren’t “fast enough” being destroyed or dumped before or after they have actually run races, or horses being run so hard they are breaking bones and needing to be put down.

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Name: * Andrea Krause

Email address: * a.bubbletea@gmail.com

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 12 November 2019

Agenda item title: Please make the abuse stop

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Hello,

I am writing this with hope that one day you leaders, who are meant to be compassionate and fair, and look for the best interests of the people will make the right decision.

I don't have to sit here sending you a list of horses that are euthanized because of injuries caused by this sport. You already know the numbers are altered every year and the real numbers are astonishing.

In what damn mind does this seem right? The abuse, pain, force and oppression these horses are put through is unacceptable. Full stop.

The resources used to support this greedy, cruel and invasive sport isn't what we, tax payers want it to go to.

This event causes waste, disorder drunk people all over the city, death, waste of resources and money, lives of horses and also causes a lot of anger.

Why are you still supporting this event? Do you realize what it promotes, I'm sure you do. You're smart enough to know there's nothing positive about an event that promotes intoxication of our bodies, animal cruelty and abuse, death and gambling. That's what it promotes.

Please make the right decisions for a better future for all of us and spend out tax money on something worthy, please!

Kind regards

Andrea

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Ban Horse Racing/Melbourne Cup

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

Please ban Horse Racing. Abolish Horse Racing within the Melbourne Cup. The horses are suffering and exploited, whipped until they aspirate on their own blood, until their joints dislocate or bones break, and then they are slaughtered as meat. Abolish Horse Racing within the Melbourne Cup. You are in a position to make significant emancipation and wellbeing for the Horses. Do the right thing and Abolish Horse Racing.

From: lesburrows14@gmail.coa
Subject: Animal cruelty

dear Lord Mayor
After watching the 7.30 report into Abuse of racehorses I would ask that your council does not continue to support the abuse of these fine animals by being associated with Victoria Racing Regards Les Burrows
Sent from my iPhone

From: Brooke Miller <brookerachel.miller94@gmail.com>
Subject: Horse Racing

Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to you to express my support of the motion being put forward by Cr Rohan Leppert.

Kind regards,

Brooke Miller

From: Dr Caroline Cotton <dobby@bigpond.net.au>
Subject: Councillor Leppert's Motion

Dear Lord Mayor Capp,

I wish to express my full support for this motion and I respectfully urge you to support it too.

I have been aware of the nature of the dog and horse racing industry for around thirty years and it is completely untenable as a humane and civilized enterprise. Apart from my reaction to this as a decent, hardworking and, I hope, compassionate person, I am qualified in Philosophy and I have studied non-human animal Ethics. I fully support the sentiments of Councillor Leppert's motion. I am deeply concerned about the documented and ongoing horrific cruelty and the deployment of an unconscionable, and clearly industry institutionalised, term such as 'wastage' to describe sentient beings that can feel pain and fear. We are all keenly aware of the nature of the behaviour of those charged with caring for these animals in the light of various disqualifications and animal cruelty charges to a variety of trainers over the years, most recently, Darren Weir and several of his colleagues.

I am concerned about the valorisation of the excessive consumption of alcohol for alcoholism causes deaths and ruins lives and families. I was devastated to read that domestic abuse increases on the day of the Melbourne Cup. In Australia, addiction to gambling is causing similar heartbreak and hardship and horse racing is inseparable from it.

The current state of affairs where this race (and, for that matter, any dog or horse race) is glamorized and championed in all quarters despite it being a vehicle for horrific cruelty and social damage is confusing for young and impressionable children and infuriating and devastating for those who are old enough to understand who feel they do not have a voice (like the horses).

I truly believe that precious resources must be used on socially positive undertakings such as caring for the vulnerable and the suffering rather than supporting such a shameful and barbaric ritual that effectively valorises all that the City of Melbourne is trying so hard to eliminate and improve. It is past time to move into the future. Certainly, it will be challenging as change can be but it will make everyone's world a far better place.

Thank you for your time.

Yours Sincerely,
Caroline.

Dr Caroline Cotton
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Sent from my iPhone

From: Curtis Brownjohn <curtisbrownjohn@hotmail.com>
Subject: Melbourne Cup Eve Parade

The annual Melbourne Cup Eve Parade is nothing more than a glorification of gambling and animal abuse. I support Councillor Leppert's motion to condemn the horse racing industry and withdraw all future support.

Sincerely
Curtis Brownjohn

From: Liz <eaduggan@optusnet.com.au>
Subject: I Support Cr Rohan Leppert's Motion on Withdrawing All Support Of Horse Racing

Dear Lord Mayor,

I welcome the news that Cr Rohan Leppert will be putting forward a motion at the upcoming Melbourne City Council meeting to withdraw current support, and make ineligible any future applications for support of horse racing events or celebrations.

Firstly, recent horrific revelations regarding the systemic cruelty and 'wastage' produced by the horse racing industry is nothing to be supporting. The VRC have known about animal welfare concerns for years, but have never moved to address issues until these were made public. Although obviously welcome, the industry's promise of animal welfare improvements will have to be seen to be believed – they have not engendered any trust with their history of inaction.

As a bit of background about me, I attended horse racing as a child as my beloved dad (now departed) was a regular racegoer. However as an animal lover and as the years have passed I now realise this industry is fraught with cruelty and has been negligent in doing anything about it. While we love our traditions, it's not worth the suffering horses have to endure. The reason I'm relaying this information is to demonstrate that people can change their opinions about outdated traditions, no matter how beloved, when the unacceptable truth comes to light.

Thank you for your time and I hope to see positive change with the support of this motion.

Sincerely

Elizabeth Duggan



From: Hardy, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Hardy@BTFinancialgroup.com>
Subject: Support for Councillor Leppert's motion for 12 November meeting

To the Lord Mayor and Councillors of City of Melbourne,

I support Councillor Leppert's motion to condemn the horse racing industry and withdraw all future support.

Melbourne, and indeed Australia cannot turn it's back on the knowledge that has been made public about the horse racing industry. Definitive action must be taken by leaders, no matter if it is unpopular with some (and no doubt vocal) members of the community. It is the right thing to do, and it must be done.

Please display true leadership in this defining moment in history.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Hardy

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From: ASAP ENTERTAINMENT <asap@asapentertainment.com.au>
Subject: Please do not support animal cruelty

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Please support Councillor Leppert's motion to condemn the horse racing industry and withdraw all future support.

Please do not support or enable animal cruelty.

Thank you.

Joelle Cullen

From: Kathryn Woolfe <kathrynwoolfe673@hotmail.com>
Subject: Horse Racing

Please end all support of horse racing. We will be very grateful.

Kind regards,
Kathryn Woolfe and Family

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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From: Katrina Larsen <katelarsen69@hotmail.com>
Subject: Motion to Withdraw Support of Horse Racing Events and Celebrations

Dear Lord Mayor Capp,

There are no words to express how strongly I support Cr Leppert's motion to withdraw the City of Melbourne's current support, and make ineligible any future applications for support, of horse racing events or celebrations.

The recent exposé on the 7.30 Report featured what we have known for a very long time and have been trying to get the public to become cognizant of. It truly beggars belief how anybody - individuals, organisations or companies - could still support this vile industry after seeing the harrowing footage from the 7.30 Report.

Horse racing is indecent. It is avaricious, morally bankrupt and narcissistic. It is not something that I, as a Melburnian, have ever felt proud of.

I sincerely hope that decency will prevail and you will join Cr Leppert in condemning the systemic cruelty and the "wastage" of this industry, as well as take steps to amend and republish the City of Melbourne's Event Partnership Program guidelines and Triennial Sponsorship Program guidelines with an additional class of events added to the list of 'ineligible applications' being "events that celebrate or involve horse racing".

I urge you to take a stand against this villainous industry, to stand on the right side of history.

It is time to say goodbye to the Melbourne Cup Eve Parade, a glorification of animal cruelty and gambling, two societal ills that a civilised society should walk away from. The parade is seeing fewer and fewer attendees and more and more protestors as people feel more and more repugnance towards horse racing. Ratepayers apparently contribute an "undisclosed" amount to this event, to a grubby industry that already rakes in billions.

Again, there are simply no words to express how disgusted so many of us are by this industry. Please, I implore you, to walk away from it.

I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Yours respectfully,

Katrina Larsen

From: Lyal Collins <lyal.collins@nimblemss.com>
Subject: Ratepayers should not subsidise Horse Racing Events

To the Honourable Councillor and Mayor,

Using taxpayer and ratepayer money to support horse racing, including the Melbourne Cup and any events celebrating the same is a direct statement that the Council endorses cruelty to, and mistreatment of horses for profit. As a city and as a State our humanity is diminished by our elected representatives supporting entertainment over protecting all creatures from the systemic cruelty and vile actions perpetrated by a small sector of the community.

We support the council seeking cruelty free alternate ways to bring entertainment and tourism to Victoria. Please cease all financial support for the Melbourne Cup, the subsequent events, parades, dog and horse racing.

Thank you
Lyal Collins

From: Melissa Bant <euphoricsoul90@gmail.com>
Subject: Melbourne Cup

Good Afternoon Lord Major,

I am writing with concerns for the future of the Melbourne Cup.

I'm am concerned the Melbourne Cup is now tarnished. The day so much associated with the beautiful city of Melbourne is now heavily tarnished with the blood of race horses.

With the enormous animal cruelty, deaths, greed and ugliness surrounding the event now I feel more and more people are becoming repulsed by the very idea of the day hence the dropping numbers every year.

More and more celebrities are pulling out of the event not wanting their name dragged through the mud/blood associated with the day.

I honestly believe the Melbourne Cup has run its course so to speak.

More and more people every year are choosing not to attend or even watch the event on the tv due to the enormous amounts of animal cruelty now linked to the event.

As Major I really think you should consider scrapping the day in future for the sake of our world renowned beautiful city and its reputation.

America, New York and California are well ahead of us when it comes to banning animal cruelty and the world is rejoicing.

Let's take a step forward into the future and join them. Let's be a progressive and compassionate city that does not promote nor profit from such an event.

Warmest Regards

Melissa Bant

From: sristev <sristev@gmail.com>
Subject: Please end your support of the cruel horse racing industry

Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors,

My family and I have been left no less than traumatised by 7.30's recent horse racing expose, showing the truth of what happens to so many of these sentient horses. Evidently, many Australians have also clearly been deeply affected, troubled and saddened to learn of the dark side of this horrid industry.

There are numerous issues inherent in this industry, not just overbreeding, causing ongoing "wastage", whipping and tongue tying, and ongoing injuries and deaths following the races themselves. There is the glorification of gambling and alcohol, and the subsequent increase in domestic violence incidents following the cup. Not surprisingly, attendance at these racing events decreases every year as more Australians learn the truth and respond to their conscience.

As the progressive city that Melbourne claims to be, we sincerely ask that you please do the right thing and support Councillor Leppert's motion to condemn the horse racing industry and withdraw all future support.

Please respectfully do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Sonja Ristevski and family

From: Susan Buckland <sub.sanctuary@hotmail.com>
Subject: Please Withdraw ALL Support of Cruel and Barbaric Horse Racing

Dear Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and all Councillors

I am writing to ask that you vote to withdraw ALL Council support for the horse racing industry, which has proven time and time again to be nothing more than a brutal, animal abusing industry! Public outrage at the abuse is growing, racing crowds are dwindling every year - in a few more years you may well find that animal lovers and activists outweigh those blind or crass enough to still support the outdated industry.

Approximately 13,000 horses are bred into the industry every year and thousands upon thousands of race horses are brutally slaughtered every single year for the crime of being not fast enough. Those who actually do get to race are electrically shocked by jiggers, doped with all manner of legal and illegal drugs, whipped, or distressingly tongue tied - this is NOT the sort of activity the City of Melbourne should be investing in.

I was extremely disappointed and angry to see the Lord mayor Sally Capp in this year's Cup motorcade - Lord Mayor please make up for your blunder by voting against ALL future support of horse racing, including no more Melbourne Cup Parades. Please spend the undisclosed thousands of dollars this parade would cost on some family or community based endeavour that does not involve any cruelty.

Horses are not given a choice to race, they are forced to race. You Councillors all have a choice now to NO LONGER SUPPORT THIS VILE ANIMAL ABUSE!

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely
Susan Buckland



From: Dave Gallacher <dgallacher44@gmail.com>
Subject: please continue to support horse racing events

Dear Lord Mayor Sally Capp and Councillors,

I am aware that a motion is going to be put forward this week suggesting that Melbourne City Council should withdraw support for horse racing events. The reason that I am aware of this is because I have seen it plastered all over the 'Coalition for the Protection of Racehorses' facebook page.

They have asked that all of their members e-mail each and every one of you in an attempt to support their cause, listing your e-mail addresses on their page. No doubt you would have been flooded with e-mails from many in this minority group as a result of their campaign.

What you probably won't have is an e-mail from each of the 276,186 people who attended and enjoyed the carnival. A great attendance considering 3 of the 4 days were pouring with rain. You won't have an e-mail from each of the millions of Australians who watched the Melbourne Cup carnival on television, enjoying the great tradition. And I doubt you'll have an e-mail from the many Trainers, Strappers and other industry employees who are probably too busy doing their jobs, looking after these horses 24/7. Race horses are treated like royalty and are probably the best looked after animals in the country. They are treated better than most domestic pets, including my dog who couldn't be more loved, but has to be left at home each day while we go to work. Race horses however, have people whose work it is to look after them all day.

What I'm sure you will have is a lot of e-mails throwing out statistics in an attempt to support their cause. Statistics that could be applied to private horse ownership or domestic pet ownership at a more alarming rate. For example, the last RSPCA annual report stated that they euthanised 36,838 animals in the last year (mainly dogs and cats). I haven't seen any of these people call for a ban of domestic pet ownership as a result. No, their agenda is to simply shut down the racing industry. An industry in which the horses are treated so well.

I'm sure you will have many e-mails mistakingly labelling the industry as "cruel". I wonder how many of these people have actually spent time with racehorses and those that care for them during the day and night at a training facility. They seem to make these claims with no insight as to how well these animals are cared for.

Most likely you'll have many e-mails referring to the recent ABC 7:30 footage from an abattoir in QLD. The way the horses were treated in this footage was disturbing and unacceptable. Some of these horses were former race horses, many of which had been rehomed from the racing industry a number of years ago and had found their way to the abattoir after being with new owners, not from the racing industry. The people in this footage should be punished for their behaviour, as any bad eggs in any industry would be and have been in the past.

However the racing industry should not be shut down because of the bad behaviour of so few, who have nothing to do with the industry.

A great Melbourne tradition, a great Melbourne carnival, should not be affected because of the actions of a few people in Queensland. These people will be punished, the industry should not be. The people in the racing industry love their horses and care so much for their horses. The Melbourne Cup carnival is a great tradition and a fantastic part of life in Melbourne. It is enjoyed by millions of people each year. It would be

an enormous shame if a minority of uninformed people, presenting misguided and misleading information affected this event for the vast majority who enjoy it each year. Supporting horse racing events is certainly not supporting cruelty to animals.

I would ask that you continue to support the Melbourne Cup Carnival and other horse racing events in Melbourne as you have done so well.

Kind regards,

Dave Gallacher.

From: Tim Perkins <tim500000@hotmail.com>
Subject: End support for Melbourne Cup Parade

Dear Lord Mayer,

My name is Tim Perkins (Melbourne resident, tax payer, etc). I wanted to advise of my support for the motion being put forward by Cr Rohan Leppert. I don't think that City of Melbourne should be supporting the Melbourne Cup parade. There's a whole number of reasons why this is not a good ideas, not least of which include (waste of money - money could be far better spent elsewhere - eg support housing, etc for those who need it), The Melbourne Cup encourages gambling, cruelty to animals and binge drinking, The Melbourne Cup is an outdated and parochial event, and doesn't present Melbourne in the best possible way to the external community.

Try and be brave and support the motion rather than putting own personal self-interest first.

Regards

Tim Perkins

From: Erica H <ericalhunt@hotmail.com>
Subject: Tuesday Council Meeting Motion Cr Leppert

Dear Councillors,

Please support Cr Leppert's motion and do not support horse racing.

I used to love racing, and only recently discovered the truth from the ABC horses racing slaughter investigation video. Please watch if you have any doubts or wish to learn more. Support for this abusive practice is now unacceptable as we know better.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Erica

From: Jess Greene <jessie.greene@hotmail.com>
Subject: Melbourne Cup Parade

Hi,
I plead that you withdraw support for any future horse racing events such as the Melbourne Cup Parade. It is not an appropriate stance for a leading organisation to support animal cruelty and gambling.
Kind regards,
Jessica Greene - a citizen of Melbourne

From: Christopher Warrick <chris2012474@gmail.com>
Subject: Horse Racing

To Lord Mayor and councillors,

It has come to my attention that a motion has been brought forward to end the support to the horse racing industry. I am writing to you today to let you know I am in full support of this motion.

I believe most of you saw the program on ABC and like myself and many others, were appalled to say the least. I can go on for a while about why the horse racing industry is harmful to the horses and why this alone should be enough to withdraw future support but I would like to also bring to light the harm the horse racing industry, particularly the Melbourne Cup, has on the citizens of Melbourne.

This day glorifies excessive alcohol use, drug use and gambling. The three activities that are advocated hard against in Australia on any other day.

Not only this, domestic violence, particularly violence against women, peaks on Melbourne Cup Day and the week following it.

Lastly, photos emerge every year of the state of the Melbourne Cup once the day is over, these photos show rubbish, lots of rubbish just dumped on the floor by attendees.

I'm sure if a music festival was as destructive as The Melbourne Cup is, there would be no hesitation to have that festival shut down, this day should not get a free pass.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email, I look forward to seeing the right decision made when push comes to shove. Please when casting a vote on this motion, take into account not only the horses that are victims to a violent and barbaric 'sport' but also the citizens of Melbourne. Melbourne is one of the most progressive cities, it would be a shame to see a vote favouring a backward tradition.

From: Kristin Leigh <kristinl@horseracingkills.com>
Subject: Melbourne Cup Eve Parade

Dear Lord Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Coalition for the Protection of Racehorses to express our strong support of Cr Rohan Leppert's motion for the City of Melbourne to condemn the shocking abuse and killing of racehorses and to make all future applications of support for horse racing events and celebrations ineligible.

As the leading Australian advocacy body for horses used by the racing industry, we have been investigating, researching and reporting on the truth that occurs behind the scenes in this industry for well over a decade. Unfortunately we have had no other choice but to come to the conclusion that horse racing is beyond redemption.

The issues that negatively impact the horses are systemic and extremely cruel. From the instruments used to control, dominate, harm and cause fear such as tongue ties, spurs, bits, whips and even jiggers (electric shock devices), to the bedroom size stalls horses are forced to spend most of the day in whilst in training, unable to graze or move about freely. Studies show 90% of horses bleed from the lungs when being raced and that 90% suffer stomach ulcers from high protein feeding regimes and training.

The shocking scenes of slaughter that we saw on 7:30 have been occurring for decades to the knowledge of the industry. We are only seeing token responses to this now as the public have been informed and are expressing their outrage. But even still, nothing is being done to stop this system of breed, used and discard.

A progressive city such as Melbourne needs its representatives to take a progressive position when it comes to the treatment of innocent animals. Celebrations such as the Cup Eve Parade are nothing more than a celebration of extreme animal abuse and suffering. The parade is becoming a dismal affair, with the number of supporters dropping each year as the number of protestors grows. And it all comes at a huge cost to City of Melbourne rate payers who fork out an undisclosed amount towards an already multi-billion dollar industry.

We implore you to do what is right by those animals and no longer support and celebrate their suffering.

Warm wishes,

Kristin Leigh
Communications Director | Volunteer Coordinator

Coalition for the Protection of Racehorses
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From: Renee Angeline Bowker <bowkerr@student.unimelb.edu.au>
Subject: Horse Racing

Dear Lord Mayor Sally Capp,

I am emailing today to share my support for the upcoming proposal by Greens Councillor Rohan Leppert to withdraw all council support of horseracing.

I am extremely appalled at the conditions of the horse racing industry, and the fact that the City of Melbourne supports such cruel practices. I also know that everyone around me feels the same.

Please withdraw all support.

Kind regards,

Renee Bowker

From: loretta m orsini <lorsini1@optusnet.com.au>
Subject: REQUEST RE Future Melbourne Committee Meeting Council ON 12 NOV 2019 to support the motion condemning support of Horses racing

ATTENTION Lord Mayor Sally Capp and Councillors.

Background

It's very welcome news to learn that City of Melbourne Councillor Leppert will be putting forward a motion at the upcoming Melbourne City Council meeting to withdraw current support of horse racing events or celebrities.

The recent ABC documentary clearly shows the extreme brutality that goes on in the horse racing industry. The Spring 'Carnival' doesn't deserve the public support of the Mayor, or the rest of the Council at the gauche event 'Melbourne Cup Eve Parade' in Swanston Street. The reality of the horse racing industry is far from the party it portrays. Horse racing is not glamorous, it's cruel. The annual Melbourne Cup Eve Parade is nothing more than a glorification of gambling and animal abuse. There is no excuse for supporting animal abuse.

REQUEST

That you support Cr Leppert's motion at the 12 November 2019 Melbourne City Council (Future Melbourne Committee) meeting and withdraw all future support. My understanding is that the motion is:

That the Future Melbourne Committee:

1. Condemns the systemic cruelty and 'wastage' produced by the horse racing industry.
2. Directs management to amend and republish forthwith the City of Melbourne's Event Partnership Program guidelines and Triennial Sponsorship Program guidelines with an additional class of events added to the list of 'ineligible applications' being "Events that celebrate or involve horse racing."

Regards,

Loretta Orsini
Melbourne

From: Bonnie Rosen <brosen@symplan.com.au>
Subject: Vote on future of Melbourne Cup parade and funding

Dear Lord Mayor,

My abhorrence of horse racing has led me to write to you indicating my full and unreserved support for Council's stand against an activity tied to extreme animal cruelty.

I wish you and your colleagues all the best your endeavour to be the Council that stops the race.

Kind regards,

Bonnie Rosen RPIA (Fellow), MRTPI, PRI - Mediator
Principal, Symplan



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From: Matthew Rollbusch <matthewrollbusch@gmail.com>
Subject: Nup to the cup

Dear Lord Mayor and deputy Lord Mayor,

Do what is right and support Councillor Leppert's motion to condemn the horse racing industry and withdraw all future support. Horse racing is cruel and this day and age is no longer something that tax payers should pay for and as a tax payer I certainly no longer support.

Regards Matthew

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*Regards,
Matthew Rollbusch*

From: Nick Hancock <Nick.Hancock@stjohn.org.nz>
Subject: Please Support Councillor Leppert's motion to end the Melbourne Cup Eve Parade

Dear Lord Mayor

I would like to express my support for Councilor Leppert's Motion to end the Annual Melbourne Cups Eve Parade in this coming Tuesdays Motion.

This Glorifies the cruel sport of Horse racing and comes at a huge cost to Melbourne Ratepayers who fork out an undisclosed sum towards an already Multi billion Dollar Industry.

Kindest

Nick Hancock | Dispatcher | Health and Safety Representative
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Thank you New Zealand



From: Meredith Shaw <pdteppanyaki@bigpond.com>
Subject: Just Do It - Stop The Cruelty

Dear Lord Mayor

Like many I've been to the horse Races, I've dressed up and "*lunched*" over many Melbourne Cup days, oblivious to the truth of what's really going on behind the glutinous Racing World.

Please Vote with your conscience and not your fiscal minds on whether or not the Melbourne City keeps supporting the Racing Industry and their saturation of power.

Yours sincerely

Meredith Shaw