



## Megan Jones Eventing Team

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Dear Premier Mike Rann,

It is with great disappointment that I hear that 3 Pony Clubs in the CBD are getting their grounds taken off them and one in the next month.

I competed on the Australian team at the 2008 Olympic Games and I have just returned from another Australian Equestrian Team campaign overseas to this news. I really am shocked.

Pony Club is where I started with horses and with it my passion to represent Australia one day. It is an area that I still support through teaching at various clubs and encouraging people to join. Pony Club brings communities, families and children together from a wide range of back grounds.

Having a pony or a horse is not just for the people who can afford to own their own properties in the hills to keep their animals at home. It is also available for families who live in the city to keep their horse near the city and be a part of these wonderful fun filled Pony Clubs. It is here dreams are started and life lessons are learnt by young riders, goal setting, responsibility, working as a team, respect etc and the list just goes on and on. These clubs are kept alive by their members and their enthusiasm to improve their clubs grounds and build a strong community within this great sport of riding horses.

I urge you to re consider and look at the effect closing down these



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clubs is going to have on many families and the dreams of their children. There are many State, National and International equestrian representatives out there in Pony Club growing up and learning new skills. Do you really want to extinguish their dreams?

Pony Club is our grass roots level and this is where it all starts. I came up through the ranks of pony club from the age of 5 years old until I was 20 and now I am an Olympic Medallist, we need all the pony clubs we can get to support this popular sport.

Kind regards,

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