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Dear Premier,

I am writing as Chair of Eventing Australia, Australian International 3 Day Event Director, Event, Olympian, International judge and EA NCAS level 3 Equestrian Coach.

I have been very fortunate that over many years I have been able to pursue my passion of all things Equine from a horse loving child who's first goal in life was to talk her non horsey parents into letting her have a horse, through a fantastic competition career to now being heavily involved in coaching and the administration of the sport, in this wonderful State of South Australia. We are the lucky country, and State, where ordinary people from suburban backgrounds have been able to have relatively easy and cheap access to horses, to go to an affordable Pony Club achieve their goals and make their childhood dreams a reality. This is sadly all changing with the news that Pony Clubs around the state and Specifically Black Hill Pony Club are possibly closing.

The Blackhill Pony Club has been at its current location for 26years and during that time has enhanced the area with good property management requirements along PIRSA guidelines. The thousands of hours of volunteer labor has shown that our young generation, with their parents as role models, can contribute to the community in a positive manner. To acknowledge their dedication by taking the use of their grounds away is telling our youth that the government does not care about our young positive minded members. Unlike most other countries in the world, Equestrian sports in Australia is not elitist, but especially at this level it is in reach of many ordinary families who wish to encourage their children to get outdoors, be active and healthy.

I would encourage the government to re-think its position and allow the Blackhill Pony Club to continue to have tenure at its present location.

Yours faithfully,

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