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The Hon Mike Rann MP  
Premier  
C/o Parliament House  
Adelaide SA 5000  
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Dear Premier

On behalf of the horse community in South Australia, we urgently seek to meet with you to discuss the fate of Black Hill Pony Club, which is at risk of ceasing to exist as from 30 November 2010.

Black Hill Pony Club occupies part of a site identified as having potential for a future housing development. It is located on part of the old McNally Youth Training centre at Woodforde, in the foothills. The McNally land parcel is sought after by developers to build houses.

The purpose of the meeting is to explore positive options to save this club and in doing so establish guidelines to assist the entire horse community to be assured of the state government's commitment to supporting this sector, incidentally the fourth largest employment sector in Australia.

The Pony Club uses land which was waste when they first occupied it 26 years ago. Countless hours of volunteer effort, including over \$800,000 dollars of expenditure through fundraising and members contributions have developed this site from a landfill into a safe and attractive site.

Despite their efforts over the intervening 26 years to obtain a lease over the portion of land used for arenas and horse-keeping, the Pony Club has never been able to obtain a lease. They have always been vulnerable to being booted off the land at any time, and it appears that time, sadly, has come.

But it doesn't have to end this way. The fate of this club and its 200 young members lies with you.

These are young people who are currently enjoying a healthy active sport, learning responsibility and discipline, taking control of their lives through their chosen recreation. These young people come from all walks of life and count among their numbers sole parent families, unemployed families, families who know nothing about horses, but have the courage and confidence in their children to let them ride a horse and some of them are fortunate to even share ownership or own a horse themselves. Some of these children have disabilities.

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