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To whom it may concern

RE: The *Animal Welfare Act 2002* (the Act) Review – Western Australia

Animal Care Australia is a national incorporated association representing the interests of all animal hobbyists. Led by a strong committee composed of representatives for major animal groups, our Horse Advisory Group is making the following recommendations in regards to the first question in the Terms Of Reference.

1. Regarding Animal Welfare (General) Regulations 2003, 7. Prescribed manner of use for “devices” — electric shock, Electric stock prod:

We recommend that horses are removed from the list of applicable animals. This rarely occurs, as most experienced horse people recognise that it is an inappropriate tool to apply to a horse, and does not reflect best practice.

2. Regarding LAND TRANSPORT OF LIVESTOCK, Specific requirements for the land transport of horses:

We feel that transporting horses for 24 hours or more without food or water falls well short of best practice, and is highly likely to cause respiratory distress and other ailments (references available). Regardless of whether a horse is destined for slaughter, the animals welfare should not be compromised for convenience or cost savings while it is still alive.

We recommend a maximum of 5 hours continuous travel, and a minimum of 30 minutes stationary to allow horses to drink, eat and rest with their heads lowered. Transport vehicles should allow sufficient space to allow horses room to lower their heads.

Unloading should be required every 24 hours at a minimum.

Should you require additional information, please contact Karri Nadazdy, our Horse Representative at horses@animalcareaustralia.org.au

Kind regards,

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Mission Statement

Animal Care Australia (ACA) is the Peak Animal Welfare Body representing the keepers and breeders of animals in Australia as pets and companions.

Objects

- To represent Animal Care Groups as the peak animal welfare body
- To engage and advise Government and legislators on welfare issues relating to pets and companion animals.
- To protect the rights of ethical hobbyists & animal keepers to breed and keep pets and companion animals.
- To clarify the difference between animal rights and animal welfare
- To promote higher Animal welfare outcomes