



RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Dear Mr Maker,

Racing Industry COVID-19 vaccination requirements

I refer to your letters to Perth Racing dated 7 and 22 February 2022 regarding the WA racing industry COVID-19 vaccination requirements, copies of which were also sent by you to Racing & Wagering WA.

I write on behalf of RWAA in response to your letters.

In January 2022, RWAA implemented a new local rule of racing requiring all licensed persons working in the racing industry in WA to be vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to enter particular premises. I understand this has impacted you with Perth Racing, which is a licensed entity operating a premises covered by the local rule.

The local rule was made pursuant to section 45 of the *Racing and Wagering Western Australia Act 2003*, to ensure the safety and ongoing viability of the racing industry in the face of anticipated spread of COVID-19 infections in Western Australian. Prior to implementing the local rule, RWAA:

- consulted with industry (who overwhelmingly supported the implementation of the local rule);
- considered publicly available health information about the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines; and
- considered publicly available health information about the risks associated with a COVID-19 outbreak as well as the impact this could have on the racing industry in Western Australia.

RWAA has sought advice and is satisfied the local rule does not contravene the Commonwealth Constitution or the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA).

I confirm RWAA will not provide copies of a risk assessment or any vaccine MSDS.

The decision to get, or not get, vaccinated against COVID-19 is an individual one and I encourage you to seek your own advice if you have questions.

I trust this clarifies RWAA's position in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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