

SUBMISSION TO NZTR

BLEEDING IN THOROUGHBREDS POLICY

From: Karen Remetis, Chair Waikato/BOP TB Owners Association, on behalf of Waikato/BOP TB Owners Association.

Karen Remetis has been breeding and racing horses for over twenty years including as an owner/trainer and in Australia.

At a meeting of the Waikato/BOP TB Owners Association on 29 April 2021, it was agreed and recommended that:

1/ NZTR should block the sale overseas of thoroughbreds for racing purposes overseas who have proven to be bleeders. De registration for racing should occur.

2/ We recognise that the bleeding of horses during racing or work could be due to causes other than internal, for example, it could be a nick to skin inside the nostril. We also recognise the potential for subjective opinions on what a bleeder is and recommend more work needs to be done on this topic for greater clarity.

3/ We are open to further discussion on this topic and would appreciate being kept informed.

Waikato/BOP has Horse Welfare as one of several key focuses. We believe this submission should feature in Horse Welfare policy for our industry.

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