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The Issues Associated with the Design of the Proposed Relocation of the Berry Equestrian Centre

This submission concerns the impact of the proposed Foxground and Berry Bypass on the Berry Equestrian Centre which is located in North Street Berry.

The design and loss of land of the proposed relocation of the Berry Equestrian Centre will have a significant impact on the ability to conduct events. It will impact riders, participants and spectators in the following ways.

1. The competition grounds are required to be rectangular /square in shape of a minimum size of 140 metres x 140 metres with a level, well drained, good riding surface in order to cater for at least 4 dressage arenas or 2 showjumping arenas.
2. The parking area is required to be of a minimum area equivalent to 90 metres x 160 metres and allow for easy entry, maneuverability, parking and exit of horse floats and trucks. Each parking space is equivalent to an absolute minimum of 4 normal vehicle spaces due to the need for unloading/loading and tie up areas for horses.
3. There is concern for the safety of horses, riders and the general public due to the near location of the proposed riding area to the 4 lane expressway, the skateway, the public cycleway/walkway and North Street. There will be anticipated significantly increased noise and visibility of cars and trucks travelling at 100km/hour on the expressway with horses competing nearby, often with young, very inexperienced riders.
4. Access to the grounds is likely to be across a public shared cycleway/pathway. The safety of children on skateboards, bicycles etc are at risk as horse trucks and floats cross the pathway. Horse floats and trucks also require an indented driveway of at least 15 metres to allow vehicles to park off the roadway whilst gates to the grounds are opened.
5. The nonprofit sporting clubs that utilize the Equestrian Centre have put significant effort and funds raised from their activities into improvements at the Centre. This includes:
 - a) improving the grounds through leveling and backfilling with hundreds of tonnes of sand in order to make a good all weather riding surface
 - b) construction of an administration/shelter shed for officials, canteen and spectator viewing area
 - c) construction of a machinery shed for storage of dressage and showjumping trailers and equipment
 - d) location of container and construction of a storage annex for pony club gear and secondary showjumping equipment
 - e) safety fencing to protect riders and horses from falling into the adjoining creek and gully

The Benefits of the Current Site

There are a number of benefits of the current location for the Berry Equestrian Centre. These include:

1. It is located next to the Berry Sporting Complex so access to toilets and other amenities are nearby.
2. It is in close proximity to the Berry township which is of benefit to visiting participants both prior to and after events.

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- This aerial map illustrates the proposed developments for the Berry Equestrian Centre. The site is bounded by North Street to the north and Jones Road to the east. Key features include:
- Berry Equestrian Competition and Warm Up Area:** Located in the upper right, this area is outlined in blue and includes a proposed track and associated facilities.
 - Berry Equestrian Centre Horse Float, Horse Truck and Car Parking Area:** A large rectangular area in the lower right, outlined in blue, designated for parking and storage.
 - Proposed Landscaped Barrier:** A dashed line indicating the location of a new barrier separating the competition area from the parking area.
 - Proposed Bund:** A dashed line indicating the location of a new bund along the western boundary of the site.
 - Relocated Pony Club Area (Indicative Only):** A small area in the lower right, outlined in blue, designated for the relocation of the Pony Club.
 - Surrounding Infrastructure:** The map shows the intersection of North Street and Jones Road, as well as the location of Bundewallah Creek to the west.