



24 November 2021

Regional Assessments  
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
4 Parramatta Square  
12 Darcy Street  
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

Dear Sirs,

**RE: NEWCASTLE JOCKEY CLUB NEW STABLES COMPLEX (SSD-12982045)  
125 CHATHAM STREET BROADMEADOW**

Racing NSW is the statutory body responsible for the control, regulation and promotion of Thoroughbred Racing Industry in NSW, established under the Thoroughbred Racing Act (NSW) 1996.

The Thoroughbred Racing Industry in NSW generates over \$3.6 billion in economic benefit to the state of NSW, employing 27,600 full time equivalent roles with over 50,000 individuals employed by the industry. The industry has experienced a period of sustained growth over the past decade which has allowed NSW to become one of the world's leading jurisdictions and importantly the leader in equine welfare. Newcastle and the greater Hunter region is a vital element of the industry with a long and proud history of success on the racetrack. The proposed development at Newcastle will see this history guaranteed for future generations.

Racing NSW supports the proposed development of additional stabling at Newcastle Racecourse which will provide substantial local and state wide employment and economic benefits. These employment and economic benefits will occur within the Thoroughbred racing industry, but also within supporting industries such as feed suppliers, veterinarians, transport companies, hospitality services, cleaning and waste services among many others. Importantly, the vast majority of employment that will be generated from this development will be in low skilled labour roles.

Racing NSW, in partnership with the Newcastle Jockey Club have undertaken a period of investment at Newcastle Racecourse recently that has included construction of a state of the art new course proper and secondary racing surface at a cost of over \$11 million. Further, the establishment of The Hunter race meeting in 2019 now provides

Newcastle with a feature metropolitan standalone race meeting in November each year, headlined by the \$1 million The Hunter that has become a fixture on the Australian racing calendar. This investment in Newcastle is continuing, with Racing NSW and Newcastle Jockey Club currently finalising plans for construction of a new synthetic all weather training surface at the track to further improve the training infrastructure available.

Approval of the proposed stables development will see significant improvements in the facilities and associated operations which will see more contemporary and efficient practices better aligned with State Environmental Planning legislation and various Regional planning tools.

Examples of these improvements include:

- greater traffic and access controls;
- a significant reduction in operational noise due to reduced truck movements at trackwork each day with the tracks and accesses adjacent to the proposed complex;
- positive neighbourhood impact with reduced noise and activity impacts in all surrounding areas; and
- improved environmental impacts with opportunity for water capture and reuse, solar power harnessing and reduced dependence on road transportation.

Further community and industry benefits would be evident in:

- the improvements in occupational work, health and safety conditions for all trainers and staff
- the provision of accommodation and infrastructure for thoroughbred horses that exceeds best practice guidelines for animal welfare
- the opportunity for NJC to generate significant employment opportunities across a range of roles including trainers, stable hands, track riders, farriers, fodder suppliers, float operators, maintenance staff, veterinary staff, track/grounds staff, float operators and administrative staff; and
- the economic multiplier benefit of a growing racing industry through increased revenues which contribute to state and commonwealth taxes, additional employment, further capital development and greater redistribution of prizemoney to the industry which benefits all participants.

Should you require anything further from Racing NSW regarding this proposed development, please do not hesitate to contact us on (02) 9551 7500.

Yours sincerely,  
RACING NSW



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