

20/5/2020

Mr Michael Stretton  
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**Re: Objection- Notice to Lease Public Land- 2 Invermay Road**

Dear Michael,

The Tasmanian Magic Millions Yearling Sales (TMMYS) operates each year under a Tri-party arrangement between Tasbreeders, Tasracing and Magic Millions.

The sale and associated events have been operating at the Inveresk Show Grounds (Site) under a sub-lease arrangement from the Royal National Agricultural Pastoral Society (RNAPS).

As per the notice the Launceston City Council (LCC) intends to terminate that lease with RNAPS and grant a lease to the University of Tasmania.

The TMMYS has been operating at the Inveresk Site since 1999 after their previous venue of the Elphin Showground was sold. Through our records which date back 47 years, the Tasmanian Thoroughbred Yearling sale has been continuously conducted in Launceston at either the Elphin or Inveresk Show Grounds.

The TMMYS have been extremely disappointed with the communication to stakeholders during the process, which has left the 2021 Tasmanian Yearling Sale (Monday 22 February) in a very precarious position potentially without a venue particularly in the current COVID-19 environment.

The tri-party members, Tasbreeders, Tasracing and Magic Millions, appeal to LCC to consider allowing TMMYS to take place at the Site on Monday 22 February 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges for the racing industry, including a racing ban as a result of a Government directive. The members of the tri-party agreement would greatly welcome the certainty of TMMYS event in these uncertain times.

We request the LCC consider varying the lease until after 23 February 2021 or conditionally approve the pending Planning Approval for the construction of the car park on the Site to commence after the TMMYS on 22 February 2021.

We have outlined already the prohibitive factors for TMMYS to establish an alternative arrangement at such short notice. We request that you consider the impact of COVID-19 on the Tasmanian racing and breeding industry and ask that you support the local industry by allowing TMMYS to be conducted at the Site.



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Regards



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