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Thoroughbred Welfare

Size and scope of industry



Foal Crop

14,000

The second largest in the world

Races

19,000

Races are held in every state and territory

Race Courses

364

More race tracks than any other country

Racehorse Population

35,000

Active racehorses across the country

1 in 244

**Own a share
in a racehorse**



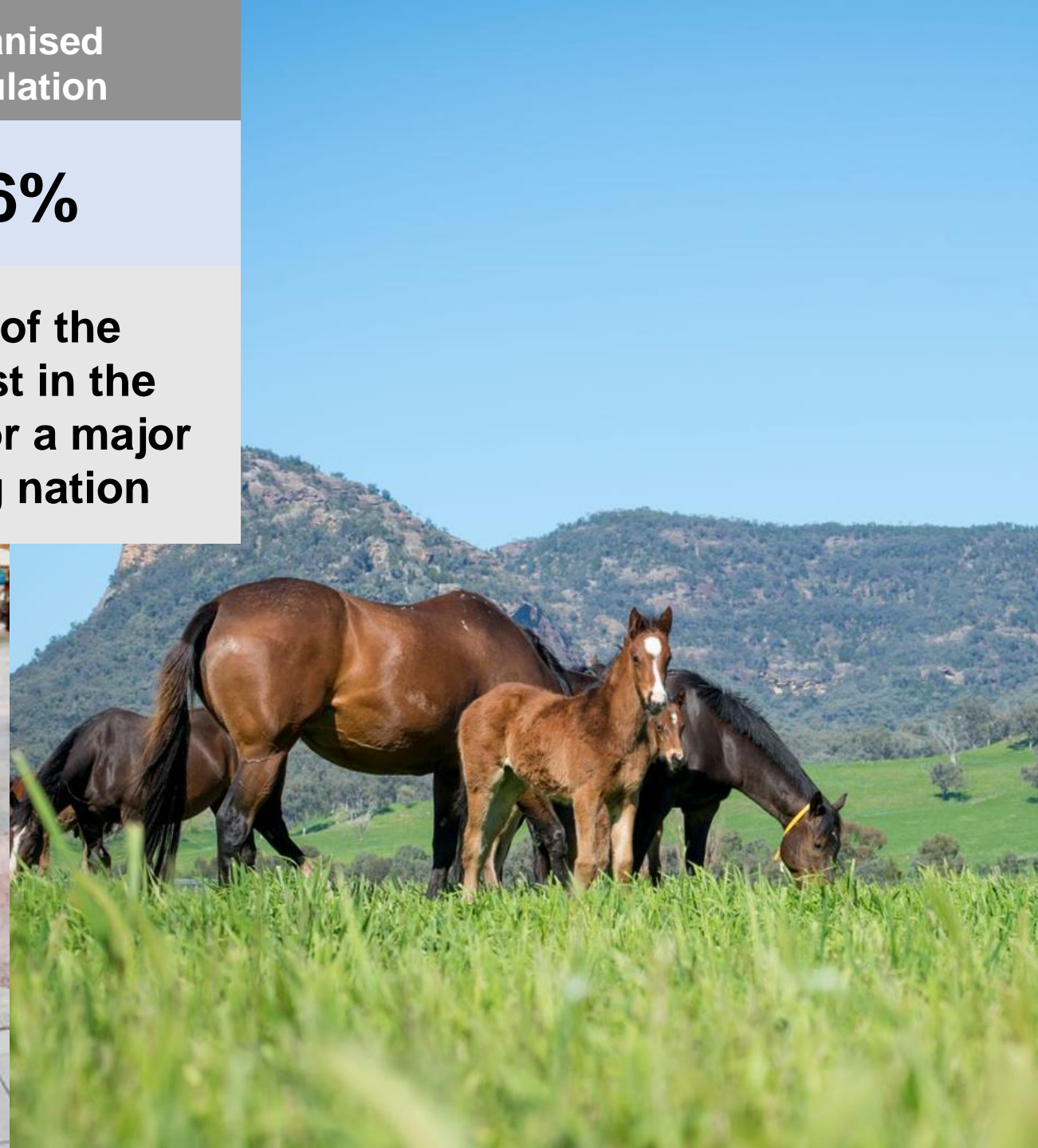
**Urbanised
population**

86%

**One of the
highest in the
world for a major
racing nation**



Image source: Colliers International



The Greens Party

Campaigned to end jumps racing – received 1.5 millions votes.

The Animal Justice Party

A single issue party committed to animal welfare issues received 89,000 votes in Victoria, the home of the Melbourne Cup.



2011: Suspension on the live cattle trade to Indonesia

June 8: Government announces suspension of live cattle exports **nine days** after program airs.

July 6: Ban lifted, but exporters to be highly regulated and guarantee quality of life for animals until death.

The Sydney Morning Herald

17 Feb 2015 by Caro Meldrum-Hanna

Ban on live cattle trade to Indonesia



THE Gillard government has caved in to public and internal party pressure and suspended all live cattle exports to Indonesia, in a move that could cost the industry up to \$320 million...

2015: Greyhound industry shut down in NSW

NSW government
announces public inquiry
on same day.

Three weeks after the
taskforce report published,
government announces
**closure of greyhound
racing within 12 months.**

ABC NEWS

17 Feb 2015 by Caro Meldrum-Hanna

Greyhound racing: Piglets, possums and rabbits used as live bait in secret training sessions, Four Corners reveals



Australia's greyhound racing industry is in turmoil after a Four Corners report revealed conclusive evidence of live baiting during secret training sessions...







Role of media

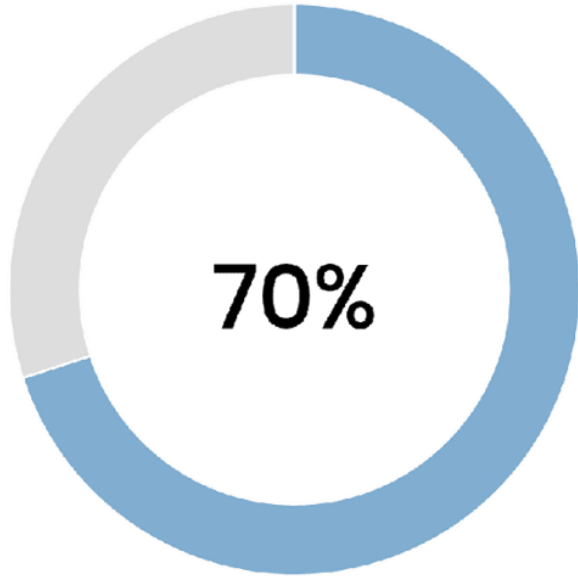
| **“I’m just so disappointed with the media – it seems they were waiting to hit racing at the worst possible time.”**

- A Federal Cabinet Minister

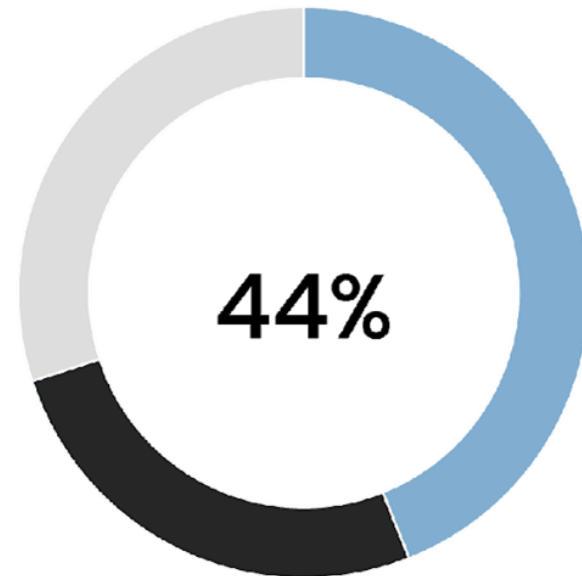
Metrics from Spring Carnival

Caulfield Cup, Cox Plate, Melbourne Cup 2018 v 2019			
Year	2018	2019	Change
Attendance	151,506	134,056	-11.5%
Wagering Turnover	\$413,415,000	\$358,140,000	-13.4%

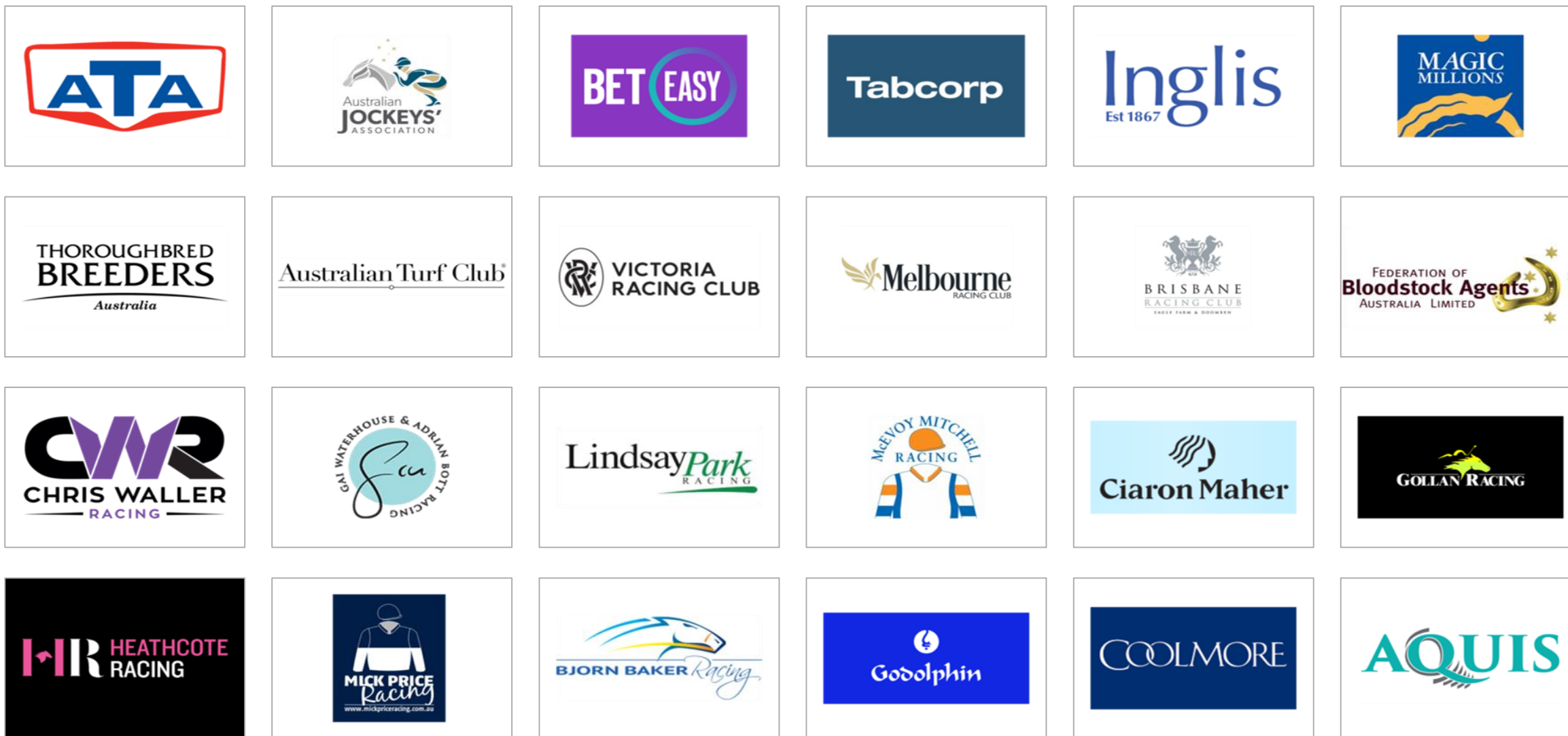
Polling conducted by wagering operator



Said they were aware
of racehorse cruelty
stories.



Of the 70% who are
aware, are now less
interested in betting.



Plus many, many more...

The independent Panel



Dr Denis Napthine (Chair)

A former Victorian premier, Denis also served as Racing Minister and has a deep understanding of the thoroughbred industry.



Dr Bidda Jones

Bidda is the Chief Science and Strategy Officer for RSPCA Australia and an Honorary Associate with the Sydney School of Veterinary Science.



Dr Ken Jacobs

Ken is an equine veterinarian and has been in practice for over 40 years. Director of the Australian Veterinary Association and past president of Equine Veterinarians Australia.



Jack Lake

Jack was a senior advisor on agricultural policy in the Hawke, Keating and Rudd Governments.

Federal Agricultural Minister David Littleproud

“Australians want the racing industry to uphold high welfare standards. I applaud industry for taking the reins and leading from the front.

When you have Gai Waterhouse, Chris Waller and David Hayes joining horseracing industry bodies to back the initiative, all Governments should sit up and take notice.”



"Because this project is industry-driven, because it's a very independent and strong panel, I think there's very strong support for the work we're proposing to do."

- Dr Denis Napthine

The Sydney Morning Herald

8 Feb 2020 by
Damien Ractliffe

Trainers, breeders chip in to fund horse welfare taskforce



The biggest names in racing including trainers Chris Waller, David Hayes and Gai Waterhouse are pledging funds towards a new horse welfare task force to create better outcomes for retired thoroughbreds.

A group of seven brown horses of various breeds are standing in a lush green field. The horses are facing the camera, with some looking slightly to the side. They have different markings, including white blazes on their faces. The background shows a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

Thank you

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