



BETTING EXCHANGES

An Australian Perspective

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WHAT IS A BETTING EXCHANGE?

- Platform that matches bets

BETTING EXCHANGES and THE INTEGRITY OF RACING

- **Risks of Manipulation and Collusion**
- **Betting to Win**
 - “Incentives to Win”
- **Betting to Lose**
 - “The TOTE never pulled the favourite”



LICENSING OF A BETTING EXCHANGE IN AUSTRALIA

- Harness Racing receives NO CONTRIBUTION
- The Role of the Australasian State Government Racing Ministers
 - Parliamentary Enquiries & Legislation

OPPOSITION TO BETTING

- Potential Loss of Revenue
- Betting Exchange Scandals in UK
- Access to Betting Exchange Records
- Susceptibility of Betting Exchanges for use in Money Laundering
- World Wide Thoroughbred Racing Opposition



INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- United States, United Kingdom and Europe

AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT FROM MANY QUARTERS

- The Role of the Media and Trainers

CURRENT POSITION AND CONCLUSION

- Possible State Licensing – Tasmania
- Australasian Conference of Racing Ministers
- Possible Implications
- Snapshot of the Future