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To: publicconspoultry@animalhealthaustralia.com.au
Subject: Animal Welfare Standards Public Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam

Submission from Australian National Racing Pigeon Board Inc(ANRPB).

The principal reasons for which the ANRPB was established are as follows:

- the protection, welfare and improvement of homing pigeons and in particular the sport of racing pigeons in Australia.
- to represent the interests of State racing pigeon associations and federations in any appropriate forum.

The Standards and Guidelines approved after Animal Welfare Stakeholder Advisory Group input have been readily accessible to some 2,500 racing/show fanciers throughout the country via direct mail out, and the ANRPB website advertisement. We have not received negative comment with respect to them.

Accordingly, at the invitation of Animal Health Australia, we submit that:

- The ANRPB confirms its support for Option C of the Regulation Impact Statement while requesting the following amendment which has been prefaced with Manager Welfare, Animal Health Australia – SB 11.5 We request that the words HEAVY, LINGERING be inserted before “fog” in the second line of this Standard.

We believe that the absence of these words unintentionally creates a restrictive situation. Clearly, persons in charge of race liberations will not release pigeons if fog is present or if heavy, lingering fog were to be encountered on the return journey. However, the person in charge will release pigeons into good weather with the knowledge that, at the time of release, there is light fog present en route which will have dissipated before the pigeons have reached that area.

We mention that much research is made into weather patterns for some days prior to the release of pigeons.

The person who represented the pigeon fraternity on the Stakeholder Advisory Group thought that the insertion of heavy, lingering had already been agreed to.

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Thank you for the opportunity to be part of the consultation process.

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