

An Open letter from the EADC to the State Boards and CEOs of ENSW, EVic, EWA, ESA and ETas.

Dear Board Chairs

Like so many of our members we are feeling the disappointment in our equestrian community at the actions being proposed within the Draft Constitution by your Branch Chairs and Directors.

As a National Discipline Committee, having had so much feedback from a membership ranging from our clubs to our elite, we put the following questions to you – this is what is ‘out there’, away from your zoom Board meetings, in the heartland of our sport:

We write to you as EA members who, like you, want the best for our Equestrian sport. We are also aware of how much time and energy you have spent dealing with the issues as a result of the Administration process. That being said, there are three issues we would respectfully ask you to consider.

Our first concern is regarding the proposed change to the Constitution. Whilst any constitutional changes must be approved by the participating members, according to the proposal, this decision will have no effect unless the resolution is supported by at least 5 of the states. This veto appears to be in direct conflict with the members who have clearly voted for the right to 1 member 1 vote. Is there a possibility to reconsider this amendment prior to the SGM in September?

Our second concern is the member's lack of trust in their state branches. Members have had their say, and now feel that they have not been listened to. How are you planning to regain the trust and support of the members so we can all work together and move ahead in a positive direction?

Finally there appears to be a disconnect between the State Branches and the National Discipline Committees. The NDCs are made up of people with vast knowledge and experience in the individual disciplines, and like you, they work tirelessly to ensure the best for the future of the sport. They play a vital role in administering all aspects of the Sport, from grass roots to International level. How do you plan to include them more collaboratively in the forward planning?

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your response.

Prue Spurrett (Chair)/Virginia Creed/Elizabeth Owens/Gillian Botten/Julie Ely Jones/Maree Tomkinson – 23rd August 2020