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Copy: Carl Parkin, Chair, Equestrian Victoria via email

Dear Prue,

Thank you for your email of August 23<sup>rd</sup>. We appreciate you taking the time to outline your concerns and to share them with us.

As I am sure you are aware there has been extensive discussion and negotiation between KordaMentha and State branches to achieve an outcome that will meet the terms of the DoCA and avoid liquidation. The final agreement enables at least 75% of the State branches to support the constitutional change required and this means that we can now move forward into the next phase of reform for our sport.

I appreciate your concern regarding the need for 5 States to support any change to the constitution. Our intention is that this will ensure that the new Board appointed by KordaMentha will meaningfully engage with the Branches and equally with the members. There is also an equal and opposite veto power for the members to vote down constitutional change put by State Branches, or the EA Board. In Victoria, we feel that this is an appropriate check and balance for our members.

Most importantly, when we are able to actively engage with the new Board, and as we increase our engagement here in Victoria with our members, we anticipate that the new open discussion that results will mean that we will have no reason to vote against a new organisational model. Any issues will have been discussed and resolved before that point.

The need for effective engagement with our members is an issue that EV takes very seriously and is one that we will be discussing at length in 3 strategic planning Zoom meetings during September. This has been a difficult time for everyone, and our members have given us clear feedback that we can use to build a stronger, more cohesive EV. We look forward to working with our members to achieve this and would welcome any suggestions you may have.

Similarly, we are committed to developing improved communication and engagement with the National Discipline Committees. We recognise that they play a vital role in the success of our sport and look forward to working with them more closely in future. In Victoria, unlike a number of other States, we have the advantage of having State representatives of each discipline on our Board and have always relied on them as our connection to the National Discipline Committees.

We understand from KordaMentha that Sports Australia will provide funding that will support the next steps in the reform of our sport. We will be lobbying the new EA Board for the formation of a joint working group that will include representatives from Branches, NDCs and Coaching so that all can contribute equally in leading the change.

Given your position as the Chair of the EADC you are uniquely placed to provide insights into improving the communication and engagement between EV and the NDCs. We would very much appreciate any suggestions you may have.

Thank you for contacting us with your concerns. We value input from our members very highly and will be working to encourage more of it in future as we work together to build and strengthen our sport.

Regards,



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