

## **EQUINE INFLUENZA UPDATE – 14 JANUARY 2008**

“A statement released this morning by the New South Wales Acting Minister for Primary Industries, Verity Firth, provides hope that the EI Protocols within the Thoroughbred Racing Industry in South Australia may be relaxed,” reports TRSA CEO Ian Hart.

The release states there are presently less than 250 infected properties in New South Wales and that the last horse to test positive was on 21 December 2007. Refer news releases on the website [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au).

“This is good news and allows the Chief Veterinary Officers in each state to continually review EI Protocols,” Hart said. “Tomorrow we anticipate announcing some relaxation of the EI Protocols for the conduct of training at venues which are currently operating under a PIRSA Permit.”

TRSA Industry Liaison Officer, Dr. Peter Horridge, will meet with PIRSA later this week to discuss the present EI Protocols for the conduct of race meetings.

Meanwhile TRSA Limited reports that the vaccination of the thoroughbred racing population continues with almost 350 doses of vaccine allocated to breeders for yearlings heading towards the various sales.

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