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To whom it may concern

The racing industry makes a critical contribution to the Australian economy. The industry relies entirely on having sufficient skilled staff to perform all duties within the industry.

The horse racing industry is suffering a major shortage of skilled trackwork riders. Without riders our industry will collapse. We are dependent on overseas employer sponsored visa holders as there is an extreme shortage of people in Australia who train in this field these days.

Anything that can be done to break down the barriers to enable these skilled staff into the country will have a significant positive impact for the industry, and therefore the Australian economy.

Kind regards,

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