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## **RACING AUSTRALIA AND EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA BREAK NEW GROUND**

Racing Australia is delighted to announce a new ground-breaking arrangement with Equestrian Victoria that will see the bodies share horse traceability data and augment the numerous equine welfare initiatives implemented by the Australian Racing Industry.

This data share agreement will allow for more accurate tracing of Thoroughbred horses moving between the industries and culminate in greater care being provided for them upon transfer.

The data to be shared will be limited to horse specific information such as microchip number, registered name and location and will be readily available for both parties to access.

Racing Australia and Equestrian Victoria also aim to explore expansion of this data sharing agreement nationally.

Commenting on the arrangement, Racing Australia Operations CEO & Acting CEO Myles Foreman said:

“Racing Australia is pleased to have come to this arrangement with Equestrian Victoria in what is an important step forward for equine welfare in the industry.

“The overall wellbeing of Thoroughbred horses during their careers and following retirement is and always has been a top priority of Racing Australia.

“We are continually developing new and innovative practices in the industry to foster enhanced horse welfare initiatives – including this data share agreement with Equestrian Victoria – and we hope that this is the first step in greater collaboration between ourselves and other racing and equestrian bodies in Australia in working towards greater equine welfare outcomes.”

Equestrian Victoria CEO Matthew Brown echoed Mr Foreman’s comments:

“This arrangement between Equestrian Victoria and Racing Australia is incredibly important in the industry’s work towards improving horse traceability and equine welfare.

“By sharing data between our parties and working together, I’m confident we can achieve our common goals of equine welfare and show the way forward for the rest of the industry.”

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