

# Association of Equine Dental Practitioners (Aust) Inc.

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## **Response to the Proposed Veterinary Practice Regulation 2006 (NSW) regarding equine dentists**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
LOCATION/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_  
OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cut and paste into an E-mail and return to admin@equinedentalpractice.com  
Alternatively, please circle you answers and post to the address above.**

1. Did any publicity from the Department about the draft Veterinary Practice Regulation 2006 under the Veterinary Practice Act 2003 (NSW) reach you directly or via any professional or horse organisation? **Yes/No** How did you become aware? \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. **Did you know** this proposed legislation allows equine dentists to file and clean teeth but at the same time bans equine dentists from work such as:
  - a. Removing caps, tooth fragments and small teeth? **Yes/No**
  - b. Removing feed from pockets in the gums? **Yes/No**
  - c. Cutting abnormally long teeth? **Yes/No**
  - d. Remove grass seeds or other foreign bodies from gingival pockets? **Yes/No**
  - e. Diagnosing any oral disease? **Yes/No**
  - f. Treating a laceration in the cheek? **Yes/No**
  - g. Removing teeth in collaboration with a veterinary surgeon? **Yes/No**
  
3. Do you think that preventing trained equine dentists from treating your horse is anti-competitive? **Yes/No**
  
4. If qualified equine dentists are no longer allowed to operate the way they are now, do you think the oral health of your horses could be negatively affected as a result? **Yes/No**
  
5. In your opinion, considering veterinarians you have access to, is the standard of expertise to perform equine dental work acceptable to you? **Yes/No**
  
6. Do you support the introduction of regulation of equine dentists, by introducing annual examinations and licensing by an EDP Board? **Yes/No**
  
7. Other comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. We may publish the statistical results of responses, but may we also pass on copies of your response to the Minister and the shadow minister for Agriculture? **Yes/No**