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HORSE SA SUPPORTS EXTENSION OF STOCK STAND-STILL

The stock stand-still affecting horse movements is being extended in South Australia until 12.30pm on Monday 3 September.

This decision has been made in an effort to keep South Australia free of equine influenza. Horse movements during this time will be by permit only.

Executive Officer of Horse SA, Julie Fiedler, supports the extension of the standstill.

"I know this is disappointing for recreational horse riders but the extension of the ban is in the best interests of the South Australian horse industry.

"We can see the devastation being caused in New South Wales and Queensland and extending the ban for another three days is the best way to protect South Australian horses from equine influenza.

"This means all horse events or gatherings planned for the weekend will have to be cancelled."

South Australia's Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr Rob Rahaley appreciates the excellent support from horse riders across the state.

"The decision to extend the ban has not been taken lightly and has been carefully considered. We are taking the necessary precautionary measures to ensure we keep South Australia free from equine influenza."

"As an industry, we really must do what we can to ensure the health of our animals and given the efforts of other industry plays we should be equally responsible. Given the importance of keeping this virus out of SA, it makes good sense to limit even social gatherings of horses until the disease has been managed," says Julie.

Further information: www.pir.sa.gov.au/horseflu

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