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Dear Andrew

Thank you for your letter dated March 29, 2010 which was received by my office dated March 31, 2010.

I note that the contents of this correspondence appeared at least in part in the Courier Mail on March 30, 2010 and appeared on the Business News Publications website.

I note the full Board of the Gold Coast Turf Club (GCTC) is now in a position to meet with Queensland Racing (QR) to discuss its thoughts on the future of the Bundall facility. I have, as you are aware from my initial correspondence dated February 9 and subsequent letters, been requesting a meeting face to face with all of your Board members to canvass a number of options.

Existing business commitments, including the Asian Racing Conference, coupled with Easter, means the first available date QR could meet with the entire Board of the GCTC are the morning of April 27.

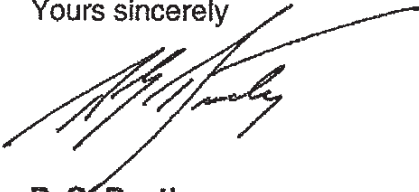
I also note the summary you have provided regarding your Board's current thoughts. I believe your Board will benefit greatly from being able to finally meet with QR so that it can better grasp the budgetary, legal and legislative boundaries within which we will all need to frame any proposals.

Our face to face meeting will be the appropriate forum for QR to explain its thoughts as to a commercially viable way to tackle a possible facility upgrade and I will look forward in turn to hearing the finer detail of the GCTC Board's position – for example, how GCTC would gain access to the \$25 million you refer to in terms of a contribution. On initial contemplation, I would simply observe that as the club, like many others, has been in deficit for at least the past two years, it would seem unlikely that post GFC a financial institution would support such a proposition.

The date proposed for the meeting will provide some time for you to overcome the logistical complexity of ensuring all of your Board members can attend, so that your membership is fully represented, as we begin this important dialogue.

Please let me know if the above date will suit your full Board so that we can take our first step toward delivering a viable proposal that is of benefit to both the Gold Coast and the entire racing industry.

Yours sincerely



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