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### HRNZ SAYS "NO" TO ONE RACING - "YES" TO SHARED SERVICES REVIEW

1. The One Racing proposal was a recommendation from a joint NZ Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) and NZ Racing Board (NZRB) taskforce report that was released in November 2009. This recommended the combination of the NZRB and three racing codes (thoroughbreds, harness and greyhounds) into one organisation.
2. Following a preliminary review of this at its December meeting, the Executive of Harness Racing New Zealand (HRNZ) wrote to the NZRB on 21 December 2009 requesting clarification on a number of questions pertaining to the One Racing proposal. In the absence of a reply to this, the Executive further reviewed its position on this issue at its meeting on 18 February 2010 and resolved:
  1. *That HRNZ reaffirm its position that governance of the New Zealand racing codes be retained separate and that HRNZ rejects the current One Racing proposal and not be involved in any further review of such a governance structure.*
  2. *That HRNZ commit its support for further exploring shared services efficiencies with the NZRB and other codes.*
  3. *That HRNZ recommend to the NZRB and other codes that a Shared Services Executive Committee be established with two appointees from each body.*
  4. *To recommend that this Committee be responsible for exploring costs savings from shared services efficiencies on a segment by segment basis, assessing the resources required and developing programmes and timetables for implementation, including an industry communications plan.*
3. The resolutions agreed to reaffirm HRNZ's belief that code governance must be retained independent of the NZRB and the other codes. HRNZ however looks forward to continuing to review opportunities for efficiencies with the NZRB and other codes through shared services. Administrative cost savings and improved services will continue to be proactively explored for the benefit of industry stakeholders.

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