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Dear John

Australia congratulates the FEI in its efforts to consult widely with National Federations to establish the proposal to be submitted to the IOC in regard to the future of Equestrian in the Olympic Games.

After a review of the relevant documentation relating to Jumping, Equestrian Australia and the relevant stakeholders can provide the following observations and comments.

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Australia would further support additional research and investigation around the presentation of the sport both visually and via broadcast. This may include adjusting commentary, analysis, review and preview from experienced profile broadcasters and technical experts.

Australia supports the FEI in its plan to hire a brand agency to advise on the options. We are of the opinion this is highly valuable to investigate further opportunities for the wider community to be become engaged in the sport however this needs to be a cost effective exercise.

Equestrian Australia is of the very strong opinion that Jumping and Equestrian must remain in the Olympic Games. Competition figures following Barcelona proved the influence on number of riders who participate in the sport. Our presence at the Olympics is a critical piece in the Australian Sporting landscape. Equestrian Australia will look to support the changes necessary in the format in Jumping that will ensure our continued participation in the Olympic Games.

Australia thanks all those who have been involved in this very extensive consultative process.

On behalf of Equestrian Australia

Very best regards,



Judy Fasher
Chair, Equestrian Australia