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## VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE

Executive Director of Environment and Recreation Hamish McNulty today invited horse and donkey owners to register their animal if stabled in the ACT.

“Registration in the ACT is voluntary – basic details – horse/donkey owner/manager, description of the horse and the address where it is stabled.

“We thank the community for their support and their efforts in keeping the ACT free of EI.

“We are constantly monitoring the situation and working in line with the national strategy to control and eradicate the disease.

“As part of our forward planning we would like to be able to have the appropriate contact details and descriptions of horses should we need them in the future, for example, for vaccination.

“Horses or donkeys that have already been vaccinated do not need to be registered.

“For privacy purpose, TAMS will only keep the minimum information required and for the purposes of the control of the equine influenza.

“People can be assured their details will be confidential.

“To register, people can visit [http://www.tams.act.gov.au/forms/horse\\_registration/](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/forms/horse_registration/). For those people without access to the internet further information can be sought from Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

Mr McNulty said that the 'biosecurity' measures simply refer to sound hygiene practices when dealing with horses or donkeys.

“The eradication of EI relies on stopping the spread of the disease. Anyone who has any contact with horses or donkeys has a responsibility to help stop the spread of EI.

“Some spread in NSW and Qld has been caused by people not following recommended decontamination procedures with disinfectant, soap and water.

Mr McNulty also stressed the importance that all equipment, clothing or vehicles that come into contact with horses or onto properties with horses or donkeys must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

For updates and information visit [www.tams.act.gov.au](http://www.tams.act.gov.au) or [www.outbreak.gov.au](http://www.outbreak.gov.au)

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