

Example email/letter: (Please edit the letter with your federal representative or candidate's name at the top and your name at the bottom)

Dear (insert name of Federal Member or candidate)

I am writing to you because I am highly concerned about the future of the State Equestrian Centre (SEC) in Brigadoon.

The SEC was built in 1985 and now requires funding for vital redevelopment/refurbishment work to ensure it can meet current and future community and competition standards. It is the only facility of its type in the State and is used by a wide range of organisations and community groups from Riding for the Disabled to WA Mounted Police and hosts almost 350 equestrian competitions and events each year. Some of these groups call the SEC home, with many using the facilities on a regular basis to deliver programs.

The SEC is managed by not-for-profit organisation Equestrian Western Australian (EWA). EWA is currently seeking \$15 million in funding from the Federal government to undertake the redevelopment.

Without this funding it is highly likely the SEC will close. Closure of the SEC would not only impact equestrian sports in WA and those organisations housed at the centre, but it will impact the local community and economies of the Swan Valley and WA. Equestrian sports currently contribute \$157.8 million to WA, based on 2016 figures. Of this figure, approximately \$35.5 million is spent in the Perth region and at least \$10 million of this within the City of Swan.

We are seeking your support for EWA's funding request to support the redevelopment of the SEC.

Further information about the SEC and the proposed redevelopment is available by contacting EWA directly on 08 9296 1200 or via e-mail marketing@equestrianwa.org.au

Yours sincerely,

(Your name)