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Dear Sir or Madam:

**ATTWOOD MARSHALL  
EQUINE INFLUENZA CLASS ACTION**

Thank you for registering your interest in our proposed compensation claim with respect to the Equine Influenza outbreak.

We confirm that we are investigating the prospects of success in bringing a claim for compensation for people who have been affected by the outbreak and have suffered loss as a result. As you can appreciate, we have had many enquiries from all types of different businesses and people which includes not only thoroughbred breeding and racing interests but also those of the equestrian, performance and pleasure horse industry as well.

Although we are conducting our own investigations in relation to the cause of the EI outbreak in Australia, the Federal Government has launched its own Inquiry, headed by former High Court Justice Ian Callinan. The Inquiry had its first day of hearing yesterday (i.e. 3rd October 2007) and the public hearings have now been adjourned until **Thursday 8th November 2007** (this is a tentative date and could change). For a transcript of the first day's hearing, you can visit [www.equineinfluenza inquiry.gov.au](http://www.equineinfluenza inquiry.gov.au). The terms of reference of the Inquiry are also on the website and these also require that the Commissioner hand down his findings on or before the **25th April 2008**. The transcript of the first day's hearing is extremely interesting reading and gives some insight into lack of supervision systems in relation to the transportation of the horses to be quarantined.

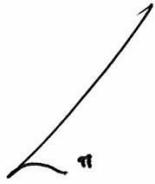
We have received many questions from people across the industry including who we will suing, how much it will cost and how long it will take. The best answer we can give you at the moment is that we will probably have to wait until the Callinan Inquiry has been completed before we can give any satisfactory answers to these questions.

What we can tell you is that by registering with us this will not cost you anything and we will not be charging anyone for our initial investigations and attendances at the Inquiry (we will most probably be seeking leave to appear at the Inquiry when it resumes in November).

We will provide more information shortly and update our website over the course of the next fortnight with further information and links. In view of the large number of enquiries, it is probably best that you email any enquiries that you have through [info@attwoodmarshall.com.au](mailto:info@attwoodmarshall.com.au)

Thank you for contacting us and we will be in touch again shortly.

Yours faithfully,  
ATTWOOD MARSHALL

A handwritten signature consisting of a stylized 'J' and 'G' followed by a small 'tt'.

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