

## ACT EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION

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### **1. WILL YOU MAINTAIN AND SUPPORT EQUESTRIAN PARK, CURTIN?**

Yes, the ACT Greens recognise the role that Equestrian Park plays for horse riders in Canberra and the broader region, and agree that it should continue to be supported by the ACT Government.

### **2. WILL YOU KEEP THE BICENTENNIAL NATIONAL TRAIL OPEN AND SAFE AT ALL TIMES AND INTEGRATE IT INTO ANY PLANNING PROCESSES WHICH MIGHT IMPACT UPON IT?**

Yes, the Bicentennial National Trail is an impressive feat of cross-border, cross-stakeholder and cross-government coordination, and all decisions regarding its use should be collaborative and open to input from the main user groups. The ACT Greens agree that planning and development processes should integrate the Trail.

### **3. WILL YOU SUPPORT AN EQUESTRIAN CONCEPT PLAN?**

The ACT Greens are supportive of developing an overarching equestrian concept plan or strategy that takes into account issues such as signage, shared use, and planning for new greenfield developments.

### **4. WILL YOU RETAIN THE OVERALL EXISTING GOVERNMENT PADDOCK SPACE, INCLUDING REPLACEMENT WHERE IT BECOMES ESSENTIAL TO CONVERT PADDOCK SPACE TO ANOTHER USE?**

The Greens support this principle, provided that equestrian use is compatible with the environmental values of the replacement paddocks. As you would also be aware, as the Minister responsible at the time, Shane Rattenbury signed the MOU that agreed to the principle of replacing government horse paddocks as necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to expand on our position on these issues. For further information you can view our election initiatives here: <https://greens.org.au/act/better-normal>.

Emma Davidson is the ACT Greens Spokesperson for Sport and Recreation, and lead candidate for Murrumbidgee. You can see more detail here:

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And our lead candidates for Kurrajong are [Rebecca Vassarotti](#) and [Shane Rattenbury](#). You can see more detail about all of our candidates here: <https://greens.org.au/act/candidates>, or follow them on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/shanerattenburymla/> or <https://www.facebook.com/RebeccaVassarottiACT>.

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On behalf of the ACT Greens