

*SAROA's concerns on behalf of its members, other owners and the racing industry in general are;*

- 1. It is difficult for owners to adequately view the trial from the "tower of Knowledge" location given that the start and finish of the trial is on the opposite side of the track. The television vision is inadequate and does not compare to viewing the trials 'live' from the grandstand.*
- 2. Owners who do choose to view the trial from the traditional location at the Grandstand can then not get back to the training stalls after the trial to speak to the trainer and jockey about their horse's performance, especially if the jockey has to ride a horse in the next trial.*
- 3. There is a safety issue in that owners enter a restricted training area where horses being trained and those trialling are moving to and from the track, wash-bays and sand rolls. There are no barriers to protect owners nor do owners wear high visibility vests, and such a situation is dangerous not only for owners but also trainers and staff, unlike the race-day stalls where there are fenced off, designated areas for owners to view their horses safely. In one instance a lady pushing a stroller with a child in it was observed walking in the training area between the rows of horses. On another occasion it was reported a child could have been injured by an unruly horse but for the intervention of her father.*
- 4. Trainers needing to float their horses to the Morphettsville trials find it difficult to park floats near the training stalls and suffer some disadvantage compared to local Morphettsville trainers.*
- 5. Trainers wanting to observe their horses' performance "live" are forced to trek back and forth between the grandstand and the training stalls.*
- 6. Horses, especially young, inexperienced horses miss a vital part of their education, which is the race day experience of going to the race day stalls and experiencing all the different aspects of a race day.*
- 7. Owners are an integral part of the racing industry and all trainers' livelihoods depend on their clients. Diminishing owners' pleasure and involvement will make retaining existing owners or attracting new owners to the industry more difficult thus not only impacting on trainers but the industry as a whole.*
- 8. Persons are able to wander around the training stalls, unsupervised. Recently horses have been "contaminated" by handlers who used "ice" (methyl amphetamine) for their own use. Anyone wandering around the training stalls during trials with illicit drugs on their clothes or their hands could contaminate a horse inadvertently thus leading to a fine or suspension for the trainer and the disqualification of the horse.*