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My name is Donna Logan, I have been training here for 25 years and feel my views would be representative of all the trainers that train here.

We have been granted a strategic license from NZTR which basically means we are one of 13 strategic venues in NZ. This means our training opportunities will be enhanced and we expect a greater influx of trainers to use these facilities in the winter months more now than ever before.

With more trainers in the area the benefits will be greater to the local community i.e. vets, feed merchants, black smiths, motels, supermarkets etc which they will all reap the benefits.

There is significant scope for attracting trainers based on the facilities that are all ready existing.

If the club can get itself in a position to provide itself more income streams through income outside racing, stake money can be increased.

We have training facilities and a natural all weather track that Ellerslie does not have nor can provide, therefore we are in the position to attract a greater number of horses and trainers.

We want to attract the likes of young black smiths to train here and vets to locate here through the universities to work on horses that are already existing and accommodation on site would make this more viable. This growth could attract more equine based business such as grain merchants, saddlery shops etc.

Next season we race every second weekend here with track conditions that do not alter due to weather.

Through out my travels in racing there are many other clubs struggling.

The more we can present successfully to the NZTR the more likely we will be to get support from them for our future.

One final matter, some people are complaining about views being blocked from the western boundary. I was on the committee when the trees were topped to allow people to have a view, we did this as a matter of good will. The trees ran along most of the back straight.