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## Fertility Control for Wild Horses *Moving Forward with Population Control*

### A Forum for Discussion

**DATE:**                    **Tuesday 24 November 2009**

**Venue:** The Boardroom, **St. Leo's College**, College Road, St. Lucia, QLD 4067  
(Within the grounds of University of Queensland, St Lucia,  
5km S. Brisbane CBD). Free parking for up to 185 vehicles

9:30	Registration, Morning Tea
10:00	Introduction to ABA Activities
10:20	<i>Overview of fertility control in wild horses – Sandy Radke, ABA</i>
11:00	<i>Fertility Control in Horses- What We Know and What We Need to Know – Prof Michael Holland, University of Queensland</i>
11:40	<i>Animal welfare ramifications of population interventions – daunting, distressing, deadly or deliverable? - Animals Australia</i>  presentation by RSPCA (TBC)
12.20	<i>GnRH vaccine for fertility control of wallabies – implications for trials on horse populations – Dr Lyn Hinds, CSIRO</i>
12:15	<i>The management of feral horses on parks and forests in Qld – Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.</i>  Presentation by Qld Primary Industries and Fisheries Biosecurity (TBC)
12:45	Lunch
13:45	<i>Estimating horse populations as a basis for conducting a control program - Dave Berman</i>
14:15	<i>Research Proposal – Magdalena Zabeck, University of Queensland</i>
14.40	Afternoon Tea
15:00	Panel Discussion Session
15:45	Where to from here? Summary and Next Steps
16:15	Conclusion

The aim of this "Fertility Control for Wild Horses" Seminar from ABA's viewpoint is to enable key players to explain their position on Wild Horse issues and gain a detailed understanding of how fertility control for wild horses trial/s could run under valid scientific protocols. PZP is used by the Bureau of Land Management on American Mustangs/Wild Horses, and has improved since first use. It, and other vaccine developments have potential to provide non-lethal control options for smaller Brumby populations and as delivery techniques advance, could become viable for larger populations.

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