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Support or oppose Oppose

Reasons for support or oppose Horse riding is an important part of the culture, health and well-being of the Opotiki community. Horses are needed for transport, therapy animals for those whom suffer from disabilities whether physical or mental and for those who share a passion and love for caring and riding them. In regards to keeping them in town, for those special needs riders, they are unable to easily access vehicles and places for them to float or hold their horses, for those whom live in town and have no transport but their horses is another reason to consider opposing, for the people whom use their horses as therapy animals, their horses are purposely placed in town as immediate access is needed for when stress is at its highest especially through COVID times. In times of community gatherings such as Rodeos, when the horses are put out before the event does that mean they are not allowed to be put out in the paddocks in town? Surely there would not be 2 rules? Supporting this amendment will decimate the future of horse sports, rodeo and increase an already criminal presence in our town. Those of us whom own horses and regularly ride pride ourselves in being responsible horse owners but we are not responsible for the idiots whom purposely open locked gates and purposely cut wires to let the horses out, this is blatant disregard of public safety and that is where these talks should start. It is not with the horses and their owners, it is those obviously wanting this submission passed that are the problem

Wants to Speak to submission/feedback No
