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Support or oppose Oppose

Reasons for support or oppose I am 32 Years old, born and bred in Opotiki. Of my 32 years in Opotiki, I have been a horse lover/owner for 20+ years. Horses is what makes Opotiki, Opotiki. We've been on tv programmes and documentaries for horses. Opotiki has gone Viral on Social Media for videos of horses In Opotiki. The saying "only in Opotiki you will see kids roaming around on horses". Or "Tell me you live in Opotiki without telling me you live in Opotiki" - which then is shown videos of kids riding horses. Its that simple. As a kid we used horses for transport. Nowadays, kids drive around on vehicles or motorbikes illegally and get in trouble with the law or ends in a tragedy. Horses got us to the beaches, the local swimming spot in summer, to the shop to pick up our hot chips etc. Horses were fun and still are. I hope my children will be able to grow up and have the same childhood memories as i did growing up around horses. Horses is what makes opotiki unique. My whole family Love horses. We live for horses. In our spare time the kids get up and start their day riding horses to the beach , river or to the bush. It gets them out of the house and off technology. I ride in the Winter Horsesports along with a whole heap of other horse lovers. Every year i look forward to Horse Sports and so do our kids. Im writing this because you can see the good in Horses and horse owner which is why i Oppose the amendment. please dont make our kids suffer by taking their passion / hobby / pet/ family members away from them. nga mihi

Wants to Speak to submission/feedback No
