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CONSULTATION ON NZTR DRAFT POLICY ON THE RELOCATION OF GROUP AND LISTED RACES

Background and Purpose

Following feedback from the Members' Council and clubs that greater transparency and a clearer framework were needed, NZTR has developed the attached *Draft Policy on the Relocation of Group and Listed Races*. The draft policy sets out how NZTR will approach any future relocation of Group and Listed races to ensure decisions are made consistently, transparently, and in the best interests of the New Zealand thoroughbred industry.

NZTR now invites feedback from racing clubs and sector organisations on the draft policy. Your input will help ensure the final policy reflects the practical realities faced by clubs while protecting the integrity of New Zealand's Pattern and black-type races.

Why this Policy is Needed

The Pattern of Group and Listed races is a cornerstone of New Zealand's racing and breeding industry. To maintain international credibility and protect the value of our black-type races, NZTR must ensure that each race is hosted, promoted, and delivered to a standard consistent with its status.

This policy:

- Establishes guiding principles to ensure fair and transparent outcomes for all affected clubs and stakeholders.
- Clarifies the custodial responsibilities of clubs that host Group and Listed races.
- Outlines the process NZTR will follow when a race needs to be relocated, temporarily or permanently, including where this is necessary to seek to protect a race's Group status.

Consultation Process

Clubs and sector organisations are invited to provide written submissions on the draft policy by **Friday 7 November 2025**. Submissions should be sent to jill.gregory@nztr.co.nz.

Following consultation, NZTR will review all feedback and finalise the policy for Board approval.

Questions to Guide Feedback

To assist with submissions, you may wish to consider:

1. Do the guiding principles adequately reflect the industry's interests in protecting the Pattern and the heritage of individual races?
2. Are the expectations of clubs as custodians of Group and Listed races clear and reasonable?
3. Are the provisions for relocation, temporary or permanent, fair and workable?
4. Does the policy strike the right balance between NZTR's national responsibilities and clubs' historical connections to races?
5. Are there any practical issues or scenarios not covered that NZTR should consider?

Next Steps

NZTR values your input and will provide a summary of key feedback once the consultation period closes, and a final Policy in due course.

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