In 2017, NSW Department of Primary Industries conducted a survey to determine whether there was industry and community support for the implementation of a compulsory horse identification and centralised database in NSW.

Results indicated there is a strong support for identification of all horses in NSW.

**Reasons for keeping horses**

- Pet
- Breeding
- Competition or exhibition
- Recreational use
- Horse trainer
- Business (e.g., riding school)
- Racing
- Other

**Benefits of Horse Identification**

- Increased traceability
- Better biosecurity risk control
- More history of horse ownership
- Improved animal welfare
- Reduced crime and theft
- Breeding Control

**Horses under management of respondents**

2,243 responses

97% Yes (70.40%)
3% No (22.25%)
7% Pass (7.36%)

**Risks and Impacts of Horse Identification**

- Increased red tape
- Cost of microchipping horses
- Duplication with other national and international databases

68% believe identification should be compulsory nationally

91% of respondents believe national database would be more suitable