

**14 April 2025**

**Statement attributable to Nine:**

We take great pride in the way our reporters, photographers and editors cover powerful and influential people and organisations in Australia. If our editors were worried about what every person of prominence or influence thought of our coverage, we wouldn't have much news to publish.

The Sydney Morning Herald's record of coverage on politics, racing, rugby league and the leaders and influential figures within these domains speaks for itself. The Herald has published multiple stories in which politicians and racing industry figures, including Gai Waterhouse, have expressed their opposition to the Rosehill proposal and/or unhappiness about Racing NSW.

As you would expect, the Herald newsroom is a vibrant working environment, with strong views sometimes exchanged during the editing and production processes. While it wouldn't be appropriate to detail internal discussions, our people share the same goal: to serve our readers. As the public debate about the Rosehill proposal rolls on, our readers can be assured the Herald will continue to lead the agenda with its authoritative coverage.

**Further Statement from a Nine spokesperson (16/04/2025)**

Post the Media Watch broadcast on 14 April 2025, Nine has subsequently clarified that Nine board director Andrew Lancaster covered his own expenses for the Las Vegas event.