

Greyhound Industry Participants Advisory Council



Terms of Reference

The Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission (the Commission) has established a Greyhound Industry Participants Advisory Council (GIPAC) comprising current industry participants and stakeholders to:

- Provide advice to the Commission in relation to the likely impact on the greyhound industry of regulatory and operational policies it has under consideration;
- Provide advice to the Commission in relation to the likely impact of changes to rules, policies and programs under consideration and the effectiveness of its delivery of services to the industry ; and
- Ensure the industry has early engagement in relation to policy and rule changes.

The primary objective of the Council is to enhance the Commission's engagement and collaboration with industry participants, experts and stakeholders in the early stages of developing policies and regulations by creating a genuine and trusted industry forum and by doing so enabling the Commission to:

- Identify issues facing the industry;
- Create a shared understanding of key issues in the industry, its current state and vision for the future
- Harness opinions and the best available ideas and strategies to solve industry issues
- Enable the Commission to rapidly assess the impact of possible changes to rules, policies and programs under consideration,
- Generate support for key changes and reforms within the industry

How the GIPAC will operate

Section 13 of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* provides that the Commission may establish committees to give advice and assistance in connection with any of its functions. The GIPAC will be such a committee.

Whilst the GIPAC will be an advisory body only, and recommendations made by it will not be binding on the Commission, nevertheless they will be given serious consideration, just as presently occurs with the Greyhound Industry Animal Welfare Committee and the Race Injury Review Panel.

The Commission has a desire to keep the GIPAC as informal as possible. It is envisaged that it will meet on a regular basis, at a frequency to be determined by its members and the number of issues referred to it by the Commission from time to time.

The Commission will provide meeting logistical and secretariat support and be available to brief members on specific topics and issues should that be required. A forward program of issues for the Advisory Council's consideration will also be developed.

GIPAC meetings will be held at locations most suitable to the members and meeting technology used wherever possible. The Commission will pay reasonable out-of-pocket expenses to Council members to defray any travel and associated costs that may be incurred but otherwise members will be providing their services free of charge.

Composition of the GIPAC

GIPAC will be comprised of eight members with the chair to be selected by its members.

Members must be current industry participants with experience and expertise to enable them to adequately represent key stakeholders within the NSW Greyhound Racing Industry.