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GWIC issues life-time ban and delivers clear zero-tolerance message

There is no place in the NSW greyhound racing industry for those who fail to uphold welfare standards – that is the very clear message the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission has delivered in imposing a life-time disqualification on Ms Kaylee Bool.

The ban was issued following Ms Bool, a former NSW greyhound racing industry participant, being convicted of eight charges under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* in Tamworth Local Court.

The life-time disqualification clearly underlines the Commission’s position of zero-tolerance for any participant who mistreats their greyhounds and fails to uphold the welfare and integrity standards expected in the sport.

“There is no place in the NSW greyhound racing industry for such appalling behaviour and we will continue to take strong and decisive action against anyone who thinks they can get away with this type of conduct,” the Commission’s Chief Executive Officer, Mr Steve Griffin, said.

“We lead the industry in terms of setting the highest calibre of welfare and it is our responsibility and intent to enforce those standards. The actions of Ms Bool and any other participant that undermines and disregards those standards will not be tolerated.

“Our focus is on creating a strong industry with a vibrant future and ensuring the highest animal welfare standards are upheld is our absolute priority.”

The lifetime disqualification prohibits Ms Bool from holding a registration within the greyhound racing industry, attending race meetings or engaging with other greyhound racing industry participants for the purpose of greyhound racing.

“While these matters are uncommon and the overwhelming majority of participants love and care for their greyhounds, those individuals that show such contempt for their animals and responsibilities will be removed from the industry,” Mr Griffin said.

“Ms Bool’s actions rank as the most serious breach of greyhound welfare standards and our decision should serve as a stark reminder for all involved in the industry of their responsibilities. We cannot afford to be complacent.”

The Commission’s disciplinary action decision can be [found here](#)

Ms Bool has the right to appeal the Commission’s decision. Whilst this appeal period remains open, the Commission will not be making any further comment at this time.

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