

Terms of Reference – Inquiry into Greyhound Racing NSW

The Minister for Gaming and Racing, the Hon David Harris MP, has written to the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission (**GWIC**) to require it to conduct an inquiry (the **Inquiry**) under Part 8 of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* (the **Act**) into matters relating to various complaints concerning Greyhound Racing NSW (**GRNSW**). In accordance with section 85 of the Act, the GWIC Acting Commissioner will conduct the Inquiry. The purpose of the Inquiry is to ensure a viable and sustainable greyhound racing industry in NSW with the highest standards of integrity and animal welfare.

The scope of the Inquiry is to inquire into, report on and make findings and recommendations in relation to the following:

1. Greyhound welfare and the care of greyhounds by GRNSW, including management and compliance with welfare standards and any welfare concerns relating to GRNSW's management of greyhound adoption and rehoming programs, including facilities, and its other functions under the Act;
2. GRNSW processes and management, including procurement and recruitment practices, and concerns regarding any alleged or identified conflicts of interest and the management of conflicts of interest;
3. Accuracy and reporting by GRNSW in relation to greyhounds and whether that reporting represents the true state of the greyhound racing industry, including the welfare of greyhounds and the state of related programs under GRNSW's control, awareness and oversight;
4. Performance and effectiveness of GRNSW's functions under the Act and the GRNSW Operating Licence in relation to racecourse safety, management and compliance with minimum track standards;
5. GRNSW management's response to complaints or concerns regarding organisational and workplace culture and conduct or any other related matters arising in the Inquiry;
6. Such other matters arising in the course of the Inquiry into the matters above that the Acting Commissioner considers relevant.

As the Inquiry includes consideration of matters relating to animal welfare, concurrence from the Minister for Agriculture, the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC, has been obtained.

The Acting Commissioner must report to the Minister and GWIC, in accordance with section 89 of the Act, by 13 December 2024.