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### **NEW LAWS BOOST RACING CODES' INVESTIGATIVE POWERS**

New laws giving Racing NSW and Harness Racing NSW stronger powers to investigate integrity breaches have been passed by NSW Parliament.

Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation Kevin Anderson said the laws compel people to cooperate with inquiries by answering questions and handing over information.

“The codes already have authority to question licensed participants, such as jockeys and trainers, under racing rules,” Mr Anderson said.

“The new laws will apply to unlicensed people involved in the industry who have information that could establish critical facts about a threat to racing integrity.

“The Racing Legislation Amendment Bill means any person deemed to have relevant information will be compelled to cooperate with an inquiry.”

Mr Anderson said the vast majority of people who participate in racing do the right thing but a report by the Racing Appeals Tribunal recommended the introduction of stronger laws to enable racing authorities to fully investigate alleged breaches.

“The new laws will help boost confidence in the integrity of thoroughbred and harness racing in NSW,” Mr Anderson said.

“Threats to racing integrity can range from breaches of riding and driving rules to use of performance enhancing substances and criminal interference in betting activities and race-fixing.

“These matters can jeopardise industry growth, public confidence in the industry, animal welfare and wagering revenue.”

The new laws will also empower the NSW Police Commissioner to exclude a person from entering any NSW racecourses during a race meeting, and set penalties for breaches of such orders.

The NSW Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission already has extensive investigation and enforcement powers, including to compel people to answer questions and attend an inquiry.

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