



# A WAY FORWARD FOR GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

The NSW Government is introducing major reforms to greyhound racing that put animal welfare first and build public trust in the industry.

The reforms will be phased in over the next six to 18 months and undergo a statutory review after three years.

## KEY REFORMS INCLUDE:

### SEPARATION OF COMMERCIAL AND REGULATORY FUNCTIONS



#### **New Board and CEO**

Enhanced governance arrangements, including a majority of independent directors while allowing an appropriate level of industry representation.



#### **A new Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission**

Dedicated independent welfare and integrity regulator with extensive powers to safeguard animal welfare and target wrongdoing, led by a Chief Commissioner and supported by two commissioners.



#### **ENFORCEABLE ANIMAL WELFARE CODE**

Contemporary best practice for the treatment, handling and care of greyhounds to ensure positive animal welfare outcomes. Strict controls on euthanasia.



#### **CLOSER MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT**

Making live baiting a serious animal cruelty offence under the *Crimes Act 1900*, with maximum penalty five years imprisonment. CCTV at public and certain private trial tracks and enhanced surveillance powers.



#### **PROBITY & INTEGRITY STANDARDS**

Strict new standards to ensure the independence of Integrity Commission staff and to prevent corruption.



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### ENHANCED LICENSING

An enhanced licensing and accreditation scheme, including education requirements, for industry participants. Licensing of all public trial tracks and high-risk private training facilities.



### GREYHOUND INDUSTRY ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

Expert committee including NSW Chief Veterinary Officer, independent animal behaviourist, commercial body representative, RSPCA NSW representative and industry member.



### STEWARDS

Additional stewards to enforce rules of racing and ensure competition fair and free from corrupt influence.



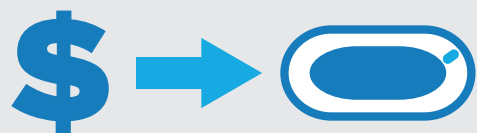
### TRACEABILITY

Whole of life cycle tracking of greyhounds to improve information gathering and support higher standards of welfare.



### TRANSITIONAL FUNDING SUPPORT

Reforms to support a financially sustainable industry required to meet 100 per cent of regulatory costs within 5 years.



### INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

Conditional capital grants so that track facilities can meet modern standards and improve animal welfare outcomes.

For more information on the greyhound industry reforms, visit [racing.justice.nsw.gov.au](http://racing.justice.nsw.gov.au)