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Chair - Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill 2025 Inquiry
Joint Standing Committee on Greyhound Racing Transition

Via email only: greyhoundtransition@parliament.tas.gov.au

Dear Chair

Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill 2025 Inquiry

I must begin by reiterating that this correspondence is provided to members of the Joint Standing Committee in my capacity as the Independent Racing Integrity Commissioner, with no allegiance to the Government's policy position to ban greyhound racing.

While this is the case, I have been requested by the Tasmanian Government to develop a transition plan that delivers an orderly closure of greyhound racing by 30 June 2029. This transition plan is contingent on the passing of the Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill 2025 (the **Bill**) and I am on the record as to the importance of this Bill in ensuring an orderly closure, that supports the wellbeing of participants and greyhounds.

The work on the transition plan is progressing, however this plan cannot be finalised until such time as the outcome of the Bill is known. This uncertainty is impacting on the participants wellbeing and continues to cause significant upset and stress for the greyhound racing community.

To support the community, Positive Solutions and Rural Alive and Well have attended various race meets since the beginning of June, and these services will continue to be deployed. Additional counselling services will also be engaged to provide more specialised assistance to participants should this be required.

On 2 June 2026, I was requested by the former Minister for Racing, in consultation with stakeholders and the Greyhound Racing Transition Working Group, to develop a scheme to provide immediate support for greyhound racing industry participants who wish to exit the industry by 31 December 2026 (a **Voluntary Exit Scheme**).

The issue of compensation is one that requires considerable consultation with the greyhound racing participants. In this regard, I am mindful that the Greyhound Racing Transition Working Group does not presently include any representatives from the greyhound racing community. To ensure we can consider the needs of participants and support the best outcomes for their greyhounds, I have decided to write personally to each individual participant inviting expressions of interest (**EOI**) for greyhound racing participants who wish to participate in a period of consultation and discussions regarding access to such a scheme.

The consultation process is intended to support the development of fair, practical and evidence-based transitional arrangements to those participants who wish to voluntarily leave the greyhound racing industry by 31 December 2026.

I will hold confidential individual meetings with each participant that has submitted an EOI to discuss their circumstances and transition needs. These meetings will commence during the week of 13 July 2026 in Hobart, Launceston and Devonport.

This correspondence will be sent via Australia Post to each of the 284 participants later this afternoon (a copy is enclosed for your reference). A stamp addressed return envelope accompanies each letter so there is no cost to the participant.

I have also mentioned previously, a feasibility study on the impact of the Government's decision to ban greyhound racing. This work is also progressing, and I am expecting to receive the feasibility report by the end of July 2026.

I look forward to appearing before the Joint Standing Committee when it reconvenes.



Sean Carroll
Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner

2 July 2026

Mr XXXXXX
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Hobart TAS 7000

Dear Mr XXXXX

Greyhound Racing – Voluntary Exit Scheme

I am writing to you as a member of the greyhound racing community.

Many of you will be aware that in August 2025, following the Government's announcement to phase out greyhound racing in Tasmania by 30 June 2029, the Premier requested I develop a transition plan for greyhound racing. I acknowledge that the Government's announcement has caused significant upset, stress and uncertainty for members of the greyhound racing community; and continues to do so.

While Parliament continues to work through the *Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill 2025* (Tas), my role is to ensure that the transition is managed appropriately, effectively, and with fairness for everyone involved.

Your wellbeing remains my number one priority as work continues on this transition, particularly given the current state of the *Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill 2025* (Tas).

Earlier this month, the Government announced it is moving to provide immediate support for greyhound racing participants who wish to exit the industry by 31 December 2026. The Government has proposed this scheme to provide certainty to greyhound racing participants, while work continues on a long-term transition.

Following this announcement, my office has been asked by Government to develop this voluntary exit scheme. It is envisaged this voluntary exit scheme will provide immediate support measures and compensation payment for greyhound racing participants wishing to exit the racing code by 31 December 2026.

I am inviting expressions of interest (EOIs) for greyhound racing participants who wish to participate in a period of consultation and discussions regarding access to such a scheme.

The consultation process is intended to support the development of fair, practical and evidence-based transitional arrangements to those participants who wish to voluntarily leave the greyhound racing industry by 31 December 2026.

I will hold confidential individual meetings with each participant that has submitted an EOI to discuss their circumstances and transition needs. These meetings will commence during the week of 13 July 2026 in Hobart, Launceston and Devonport.

EOIs should be submitted by 13 July 2026, using the form enclosed, or emailing the form to my office at greyhoundtransition@racingintegrity.tas.gov.au.

If assistance is required in lodging the EOI form or if you have any queries, please contact my office on 0408 533 463.

Counselling and wellbeing support services

Tasracing and my office wish to ensure that all greyhound racing participants can access the counselling services of Positive Solutions, Tasracing's Employee Assistance Provider, and Rural Alive and Well if, and when, they need.

You may have seen counsellors and outreach staff of both Positive Solutions and Rural Alive and Well at various race meets in June. Participants can access these counselling services at any time by contacting Positive Solutions or Rural Alive and Well directly.

These sessions are flexible and can be held face to face, via phone or online, whichever format is going to be most comfortable for each participant.

Positive Solutions

These details are below:

Toll-free number: 1800 064 039

Email: admin@positivesolutions.com.au

Face to face counselling is available at Positive Solutions offices located in Hobart, Burnie, Devonport and Launceston.

Rural Alive and Well

Toll-free number: 1800 729 827

These services are strictly confidential, and can be accessed by all greyhound racing participants.

Yours sincerely



Sean Carroll
Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner

Greyhound Racing – Voluntary Exit Scheme Expression of Interest



Participant Contact Details

Name	
Contact Number	
Address	
Email (optional)	

I would prefer to be contacted by (please select):

- ☐ Phone
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Post

Background Information

Licence held (owner, trainer etc)	
Number of Greyhounds	

Please complete and return this Form to the Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner using the reply-paid envelope enclosed:

**Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner
GPO Box 584, Hobart TAS 7001**

This form can also be emailed to the Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner at:

GreyhoundTransition@racingintegrity.tas.gov.au