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Ms Jen Butler MP
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Dear Ms Butler

Thank you for your constituent question asked in Parliament on 11 September on behalf of a constituent as follows:

A constituent has asked why you, of all people, with a family involvement in the greyhound industry spanning decades, has dealt the final death knell for the Tasmanian greyhound racing industry. Was your agreement to ban greyhound racing, a political agreement to secure crossbench support for your Liberal-Greens government? Will you stand up for the greyhound community? What's more important: greyhound families or you keeping your job?

As you are aware, the Tasmanian Government will phase out greyhound racing by June 30, 2029. I know there are many participants who care deeply for their animals who will be extremely disappointed by this policy decision.

This will coincide with the expiration of the current funding deed, providing an opportunity to deliver a measured transition that focuses on the welfare of participants and greyhounds.

I understand and appreciate there will be many in the racing industry who are upset with this decision. As you correctly state I have a deep personal and family connection to the code, its people and history.

I am deeply focused on ensuring those in the greyhound industry, their families and their communities are supported through this transition. The Government remain absolutely committed to supporting our wider racing industry and its participants.

I am personally committed to ensuring a measured and compassionate transition that prioritises the welfare of both the people and animals involved.

Thank you for raising this question, I trust that the information I have provided addresses the question from your constituent. I again want to put on the record my deep and personal commitment to a compassionate and participant focused approach to this process.

Yours sincerely

Hon Jane Howlett MP
Minister for Racing

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Howlett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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