

FACT SHEET

Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill 2025

Purpose

To phase out greyhound racing in Tasmania through a staged approach, concluding by 30 June 2029.

Key Measures

Immediate Changes (from 1 January 2026):

- Ban on destruction of greyhounds for non-welfare reasons.
- Prohibition on breeding dogs for greyhound racing.
- New requirements for interstate and overseas greyhounds racing in Tasmania.

Transition Period (2026–2029):

- Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner (TasRIC) to oversee a Greyhound Racing Closure Plan.
- Greyhounds aged 6+ or inactive for 12 months deemed retired.
- Transfers, racing and destruction of greyhounds require Tasracing consent.
- Breeding of racing greyhounds prohibited.
- All racing authorisations cancelled after 30 June 2029.

Post-Closure (from 1 July 2029):

- Greyhound racing banned under the *Animal Welfare Act 1993*.
 - Commercial dog racing with other breeds also prohibited.
 - Greyhounds treated as pets under the *Dog Control Act 2000*.
 - Breeding allowed only for pet ownership.
 - *Racing Regulation and Integrity Act 2024* amended to remove greyhound references.
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Oversight and Support

- TasRIC: Oversees transition, integrity and welfare.
- Greyhound Racing Transition Working Group: Operational support.
- Parliamentary Committee: Ensures scrutiny and accountability.

Community and Welfare Considerations

- Reflects changing community expectations.
- Recreational ownership of greyhounds continues.
- Welfare of greyhounds after transition fully governed by the *Animal Welfare Act 1993* and the *Dog Control Act 2000*.
- Broader animal racing concerns acknowledged; horse racing remains regulated under strengthened integrity laws (the *Racing Regulation and Integrity Act 2024*).