

CLAUSE NOTES

Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Act 2025

1. Short title

The Act may be cited as the *Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Act 2025*.

2. Commencement

Parts 1 and 4 of the Act will commence in law at the same time as the Act, most likely on 1 January 2026.

Parts 2, 3 and 5 will commence in law on the “greyhound racing closure date” (30 June 2029).

PART 2 – ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 1993 AMENDED

This Part contains consequential amendments to the *Animal Welfare Act 1993* (the AWA) which will operate to ban greyhound racing after 30 June 2029.

3. Principal Act

Amends the AWA.

4. Section 11C inserted

A new section 11C will be inserted into Part 2 of the AWA.

11C. Greyhound racing and commercial dog racing

Makes it an offence (after 30 June 2029) to race greyhounds in any way (time trials, lure or no lure) and to race other dog breeds in a way that replicates current greyhound racing (defined as “commercial dog racing”).

The new AWA section will also make it an offence to keep a dog for racing and/or to keep, sell, breed or acquire any dog that is intended to be used in greyhound racing or commercial dog racing.

PART 3 – DOG CONTROL ACT 2000 AMENDED

This Part will amend the provisions of the *Dog Control Act 2000* (the DCA) which currently impose additional restrictions on racing greyhounds (e.g. muzzles)

The DCA amendments will not take effect until after 30 June 2029.

5. Principal Act

Amends the DCA.

6. Section 18 amended (Effective control of greyhounds)

Amendment to the DCA to recognise that after the greyhound racing closure date, greyhounds will be treated like other dog breeds kept as pets.

7. Section 18B inserted 18B. Breeding of greyhounds

A new section 18B will also be inserted into the DCA which prohibits the breeding of greyhounds intended for racing, however breeding of greyhounds as pets is allowed.

PART 4 – RACING REGULATION AND INTEGRITY ACT 2024 AMENDED

8. Principal Act

Racing Regulation and Integrity Act 2024 (the RRIA)

9. Section 194A inserted 194A. Further savings and transitional provisions

Gives effect to Schedule 8 to be inserted into the RRIA.

10. Schedule 8 inserted

Amends the RRIA to include Schedule 8, which has provisions to support the phase out of greyhound racing that will operate during the transition period between 1 January 2026 and 30 June 2029.

1) Interpretation

Defines key terms used in new Schedule 8 of RRIA.

2) Exercise of powers during transition	Clarifies the powers of the Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner to enter and inspect premises for the purposes of conducting an audit or investigation during the transition period.
3) Greyhound racing closure plan	Requires the Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner to develop and implement a greyhound racing closure plan to guide the phase out of greyhound racing in Tasmania during the transition period. The plan must be approved by the Minister for Racing.
4) Transfer of greyhounds	The transfer of registered greyhounds to a new owner will require the notification and consent of Tasracing.
5) Retirement of greyhounds	A registered greyhound that has reached the age of 6 years, or that has not raced for a 12-month period will be deemed retired and deregistered. Exceptions will be made for a greyhound that has not raced for 12 months due to injury and are certified recovered by a veterinary surgeon.
6) Use of interstate and overseas greyhounds	The racing of an overseas or interstate registered greyhounds in Tasmania during the transition period will require the written consent of Tasracing.
7) Destruction of greyhounds	Destruction of a greyhound (other than by a vet in an emergency) can only be for animal welfare reasons and will require the written consent of Tasracing.
8) Breeding of greyhounds	The breeding of racing greyhounds during the transition period will be prohibited. Greyhounds bred as pets are allowed.
9) Authorisations in relation to greyhound closure date	All permits, licences, registrations and other forms of authorisations that purport to allow or authorise greyhound racing will be automatically cancelled on and after 30 June 2029.

10) Regulations	Provides for the making of consequential and transitional regulations to support the phase out of greyhound racing during the transition period.
PART 5 – RACING REGULATION AND INTEGRITY ACT 2024 FURTHER AMENDED	This Part will take effect after 30 June 2029 and contains a suite of consequential amendments to the <i>Racing Regulation and Integrity Act 2024</i> (RRIA) to remove unnecessary references to greyhound racing. These amendments are necessary because after the full closure of greyhound racing, the RRIA will only be for the regulation of horse racing (harness and thoroughbreds) in Tasmania.
11. Principal Act	The RRIA.
12. Long title amended	Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds.
13. Section 3 amended (Interpretation)	Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds.
14. Section 53 amended (Integrity and Animal Welfare Standards)	Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds.
15. Section 57 amended (Racing Integrity Committee)	Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds.
16. Section 59 amended (General functions and powers of Tasracing)	Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds.
17. Section 62 amended (Rules of Racing)	Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds.
18. Section 68 amended (Appointment of stewards and other racing officials)	Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds.

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| 19. Section 71 amended (Tasmanian Racing Appeal Board (TRAB)) | Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds. |
| 20. Section 76 amended (Persons may appeal to TRAB about certain matters) | Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds. |
| 21. Section 77 amended (Other rights of appeal to TRAB) | Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds. |
| 22. Section 79 amended (Procedure on appeals) | Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds. |
| 23. Section 99 amended (Determination of appeals) | Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds. |
| 24. Section 120 amended (Prohibition of proprietary racing) | Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds. |
| 25. Section 122 amended (Stewards may regulate betting in certain cases) | Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds. |
| 26. Section 131 amended (What is bookmaking?) | Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds. |
| 27. Section 181 amended (Evidentiary provisions) | Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds. |
| 28. Section 192 amended (Regulations) | Consequential amendment to remove references to greyhounds. |

PART 6 – REPEAL OF ACT

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| 29. Repeal of Act | This Act (the amendment Act) is repealed on the first anniversary of the day on which the last uncommenced provision of the Act commenced. After this, the legislative reforms will operate through the amended Acts i.e. the AWA, the DCA and the RRIA. |
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