


Joint Standing Committee on Greyhound Racing Transition – Response to Inquiry Report

Recommendations

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Recommendation	Government Response
<p>1. The majority of the Committee recommends that the Greyhound Racing Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill 2025 be agreed to with amendments.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>2. The majority of the Committee recommends that Clause 1 and Clause 2 be agreed to with amendment to the commencement date at 2(1).</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>3. The majority of the Committee recommends that the penalties for offences in the Bill be aligned with Dog Control Act 2000 and Animal Welfare Act 1993.</p>	<p>Supported. Included in amendments proposed to the Bill.</p>
<p>4. The majority of the Committee recommends clarity in relation to lure coursing be inserted into the Bill or in regulations under the Animal Welfare Act 1993.</p>	<p>Supported in principle with clarity to be provided in regulations. Regulations are the appropriate mechanism to exempt a particular activity as any amendment to the Bill could inadvertently lead to a loophole enabling commercial dog racing. Regulations could, for example, enable the activity to be undertaken by approved entities only. Regulations are also more easily updated if circumstances arise where a new recreational dog activity is proposed to be introduced.</p>

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<p>5. The majority of the Committee recommends that Part 3 of the Bill be agreed to with amendment to remove the requirement for muzzling greyhounds after 1 July 2029.</p>	<p>Supported in principle, noting the need to ensure appropriate controls for ex-racing greyhounds.</p> <p>Proposal amend the Bill to include an amendment to the <i>Dog Control Act 2000</i> that greyhounds born in Tasmania after the transition period begins, and that have never raced, do not have to comply with section 18A.</p>
<p>6. The majority of the Committee recommends that Part 5 of the Bill be agreed to with amendment to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – a non-exhaustive list of matters that must be included in the closure plan; – a requirement that consultation is undertaken in the development of – the closure plan; – the tabling of the closure plan in both Houses of Parliament; and – Increased penalties relating to the unlawful destruction of greyhounds. 	<p>Supported. Included in amendments proposed.</p> <p>Compensation for Tasmanian Greyhound Industry Participants will now form part of the proposed legislation.</p> <p>The Compensation Model will form part of Tasmania's Independent Racing Integrity Commissioners' Greyhound Transition Plan.</p> <p>Tasmania Greyhound Industry Phase-Out.</p>
<p>7. The majority of the Committee recommends the Office of the Racing Integrity Commissioner be adequately resourced during the transition period to ensure statutory responsibilities are met.</p>	<p>Funding for the TasRIG will be considered as part of the 2026-27 Budget process.</p>
<p>8. The majority of the Committee recommends that Part 5, Clauses 11 to 28, of the Bill be agreed to.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>9. The majority of the Committee recommends that Part 6, Clause 29, of the Bill be agreed to.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>10. The majority of the Committee recommends that compensation is explicitly referred to in the Bill as an element of the closure plan.</p>	<p>Supported. Included in amendments proposed.</p>

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<p>11. The majority of the Committee recommends that a just and equitable compensation package be provided for industry participants.</p>	<p>Noted. The proposed amendments to the Bill will require the Closure Plan to address transitional financial assistance.</p>
<p>12. The majority of the Committee recommends rehoming organisations be supported with adequate funding with an allocation in the 2026-2027 state budget and forward estimates to facilitate rehoming efforts.</p>	<p>Supported. Will be reflected in the 2026- 2027 state budget and forward estimates to facilitate rehoming efforts Greyhound Welfare & Rehoming • Up to \$1million • \$1,000–\$1,500 per dog rehomed • Payments contingent on welfare compliance • Paid upon proof of rehoming (including dental and desexing) and vet checks • Additional support for welfare organisations</p>
<p>13. The Committee recommends that the Tasmanian Government be open and transparent about the development of the new Deed.</p>	<p>Supported The review of the grant deed is being overseen by a steering committee comprising of the Department of Treasury and Finance and the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania. Advice will be provided to Government.</p>