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Ms Kristie Johnston MP
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Joint Select Committee on Greyhound Racing Transition
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Dear Ms Johnston ^{Kristie}

Thank you for your correspondence from the Joint Standing Committee on Greyhound Racing Transition (the Committee) with regard to next steps on the *Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing out Reform) Bill 2025*.

Consistent with my long-held belief of the importance of the Legislative Council as a house of review, I have taken great interest in the second reading contributions of members of the Legislative Council and the issues some Members of the Legislative Council (MLCs) have raised, and areas requiring greater clarification.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Joint Select Committee on Greyhound Industry Transition undertake further inquiry into the matters presented.

I am confident that if the issues of concern were examined in greater detail it would materially assist both the MLC's and the public to better understand the need for a legislative framework to ensure purposeful and measured phase out of the greyhound industry in Tasmania that best supports participants and places animal welfare as the highest priority.

As the Committee is aware, the Government remains committed to its policy position of phasing out greyhound racing in Tasmania. This position continues to be guided by the imperative to strengthen animal welfare outcomes, while also ensuring that owners, trainers and other participants are treated fairly throughout the transition.

In this context, the Government's intention remains to develop transition arrangements that provide certainty and support for affected participants, including through appropriate compensation mechanisms, while enabling a responsible and orderly wind-down of the industry.

I appreciate the Committee's work in this complex and sensitive policy area and look forward to receiving its further advice as its inquiries progress. Thank you for your attention to this request, and for the valuable work the committee has undertaken to date and may continue to do in the future.

Yours sincerely



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Premier