



New South Wales

Greyhound Racing Amendment (Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission) Bill 2016

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009* as follows:

- (a) to constitute the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission (**GRIC**) as a NSW Government agency that will, subject to Ministerial control, have functions relating to the control, supervision and regulation of greyhound racing in the State,
- (b) to confer other functions on GRIC, including the existing regulatory, registration and rule-making functions of Greyhound Racing New South Wales (which will no longer be the greyhound regulatory authority for the State and will exercise its functions in accordance with a memorandum of understanding with GRIC),
- (c) to provide for the appointment of a Greyhound Racing Integrity Commissioner who will manage and control the affairs of GRIC and for the establishment of a Board of GRIC,
- (d) to provide for the establishment of an Animal Welfare Committee to advise GRIC on matters relating to the welfare of greyhounds (the Committee will replace the Greyhound Racing Industry Consultation Group which will be abolished),
- (e) to provide that a person who is found guilty of a live baiting offence under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* will be banned for life from participating in or associating with greyhound racing,
- (f) to prevent the sale of public land used for greyhound racing from being sold except with the approval of Parliament,

- (g) to make a number of other amendments of an administrative nature or that are consequential on the establishment of GRIC and the conferral on GRIC of most of the existing regulatory functions exercised by Greyhound Racing New South Wales.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on 1 July 2017.

Schedule 1 amends the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009* for the purposes described in the above overview.

Schedule 2 contains amendments to other legislation that are consequential on the establishment of GRIC and other amendments made by Schedule 1.