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Via email: pac@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Piper

Thank you for your correspondence seeking information regarding the disputed loan between the former Wentworth Park Sporting Complex Trust (the Trust) and Greyhound Racing NSW.

I am advised by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) that it is not party to any loan agreement and does not have any loan documentation.

I understand that the Office of Racing has also not been able to find evidence of any loan documents. The Wentworth Park Sporting Complex Crown Land Manager (WPSC) has asked Greyhound Racing NSW for evidence of the loan, which has not been supplied.

It is incumbent on Greyhound Racing NSW to provide evidence of the purported loan.

As you may be aware, Wentworth Park will be returned to public open space at the end of the current greyhound racing licence in 2027, and the Department is part of an inter-agency working group considering options for an orderly cessation of racing at Wentworth Park.

Please contact the Department's

if you would like to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely



The Hon. Rob Stokes MP
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