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## Draft minutes no. 2

Thursday 10 December 2020

Select Committee on the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission  
Room 1043, Parliament House, Sydney at 3.31 pm

### 1. Members present

Mr Borsak, *Chair*  
Ms Boyd, *Deputy Chair* (via Webex)  
Mr Amato (via Webex)  
Mr Fang  
Mr Farraway (via Webex)  
Mr Pearson  
Mr Secord  
Mr Veitch

### 2. Previous minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Secord: That draft minutes no. 1 be confirmed.

### 3. Correspondence

The committee noted the following items of correspondence:

#### *Received:*

- 3 December 2020 – Email from Mr Pearson to Chair and committee advising that his Facebook post has been removed and apologising for its occurrence.
- 10 December 2020 – Email from Ms Boyd to the committee regarding a blogpost her office had published on her website on 26 November 2020.

#### *Sent:*

- 1 December 2020 – Email from Chair to Mr Pearson regarding his Facebook post dated 17 November 2020.

### 4. Possible interference with the committee process

On 17 November 2020, Mr Pearson posted a Facebook post purporting to provide a 'guide' as to how to fill out the committee's online questionnaire. The post specifies the answers that individuals should give to each of the questionnaire's 11 questions, including the questions with a free text response.

On 26 November 2020, Ms Boyd's office published a blogpost on her website providing a similar guide as to how to fill out the committee's online questionnaire, and provided a link to this blogpost on her Facebook page.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Fang: That the committee:

- note correspondence from the Chair to Mr Pearson dated 1 December 2020 indicating that it is plainly inappropriate for a member of the committee to seek to influence parties in the evidence that they submit to the committee, that his Facebook post clearly subverted the committee process, and asking him to immediately delete the post
- note correspondence from Mr Pearson to the Chair and committee dated 3 December 2020 advising that the post has been removed and apologising for its occurrence

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- note correspondence from Ms Boyd dated 10 December 2020:
  - advising that her office had also published a blogpost on her website on 26 November 2020 providing a guide for filling out the committee's online questionnaire specifying answers that individuals should give to each of the questionnaire's 11 questions, including the questions with a free text response
  - advising that following the Chair's correspondence to Mr Pearson, this blogpost and a Facebook post providing a link to the blogpost had been removed on 2 December 2020
  - apologising for the oversight
- direct the secretariat, in preparing the summary report of the online questionnaire, to disregard any responses based on those set out in Mr Pearson's Facebook post and Ms Boyd's website blogpost
- request the secretariat to advise the committee of the number of questionnaire responses that have been disregarded
- extend the submissions and online questionnaire opening period to 29 January 2021
- confirm the draft minutes of this meeting via email, and authorise the secretariat to publish the confirmed minutes on the inquiry webpage.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That the Chair seek written advice from the Clerk about committee members and other members of the House canvassing or influencing responses to online questionnaires and submissions.

**5. Provision of documents to participating member**

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Veitch: That Mr Latham, who has advised the secretariat that he intends to participate for the duration of the inquiry into the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission:

- be provided with copies of all inquiry related documents, including meeting papers, unpublished submissions and the Chair's draft report
- has travel costs associated with his participation in the inquiry covered by the committee.

**6. Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 3.56 pm, *sine die*.

Sharon Ohnesorge  
**Committee Clerk**