



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE GREYHOUND WELFARE AND INTEGRITY COMMISSION

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Upper House inquiry into Greyhound Welfare Integrity Commission travelling to Newcastle and Bathurst this week

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Upper House committee examining the effectiveness of the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission (GWIC) will be holding regional hearings this week and next. Members of the public are invited to attend in the audience, and to speak directly to the committee during a public forum. Proceedings will be broadcast live on the Parliament's [website](#).

The committee will be visiting the following locations:

- Fort Scratchley Function Centre, Newcastle – Thursday 27 May 2021, from 12.45 pm
- Bathurst Greyhounds, Bathurst – Friday 28 May 2021, from 10.30 am
- Temora Greyhounds, Temora – Wednesday 2 June 2021
- Goulburn Greyhound Racing Club – Thursday 3 June 2021

Committee Chair, the Hon Robert Borsak MLC, said, "This inquiry is looking at the functioning of the GWIC, which was set up in 2017 as the independent regulator of the greyhound industry in New South Wales. Its role is to promote and protect the welfare of greyhounds, safeguard the integrity of greyhound racing and betting, and to maintain public confidence in the greyhound racing industry."

"It is important for the committee to hear directly from those in regional areas who are part of the racing community, or who have views about the regulation of the greyhound industry at present."

"Following stories in the media that the GWIC isn't doing its job effectively, this inquiry was set up to examine it. Our terms of reference require us to look at into how well the Commission is performing its role, with a particular focus on the policies, procedures, mechanisms, and overarching principles of the Commission in relation to industry participants", Mr Borsak said.

Mr Borsak added: "The committee is also looking at the appropriateness of disciplinary action and options for appeal; the relationship between the Commission, Greyhound Racing NSW and industry participants; the current funding agreement between the Commission and Greyhound Racing NSW; and the Commission's role in improving the welfare of greyhounds."

Each hearing will include a public forum in which individuals can speak for five minutes about issues relating to the [terms of reference](#). Individuals wishing to speak are asked to register their interest with the secretariat by emailing [GWIC@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:GWIC@parliament.nsw.gov.au). Limited spaces are available.

For further information about the inquiry, please visit the Select Committee's [website](#).

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