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REPORT ON GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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The Hon Robert Borsak MLC, Chair of the Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in NSW, today tabled the Committee's second report - *Greyhound Racing in New South Wales – Second Report*.

Mr Borsak stated: 'The committee had previously found that the economic viability of the greyhound racing industry in New South Wales is in a state of decline. In response, the Committee has now made two recommendations to help secure the future viability of the industry.'

The first recommendation is that the NSW government remove the race fields information use fee cap and allow the racing bodies to determine their own fees for race field information use.

The second recommendation is that the NSW government implement a staged reduction in taxation rates on wagering to ensure that NSW racing is competitive with racing codes in other States, particularly Victoria.

'I believe that the implementation of these two recommendations will go a long way to help strengthen the greyhound racing industry in New South Wales,' Mr Borsak continued.

However, Mr Borsak issued a note of caution: 'As outlined in the first report, I strongly reiterate the importance of a restructure of the board and management of Greyhound Racing NSW. Without this reform, any financial benefits from the above recommendations will be of little benefit.'

The report is available on the Committee's website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/greyhoundracing.

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