



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON GREYHOUND RACING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **REPORT ON GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW**

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**28 March 2014**

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

'The concerns of greyhound owners and industry participants have been heard,' said Mr Borsak. 'We have found that the economic viability of racing greyhounds is in decline for the average owner or trainer in New South Wales.'

'Criticisms have been leveled at the board and management of Greyhound Racing NSW, and while we consider that there are some areas in which they can improve, part of the sport's difficulties derive from revenue agreements which do not reward performance or innovation by racing codes in this State.'

Mr Borsak continued, 'The Committee has made a number of recommendations to address operational issues such as consultation with industry stakeholders and the independence of the greyhound racing Integrity Auditor. Issues of animal welfare and the breeding of greyhounds were also examined by the Committee. We found that the incidence of greyhound cruelty and neglect is minimal, and believe that on the whole, greyhound owners and trainers take great care and pride in their dogs.'

'We consider that action needs to be taken to improve the ongoing viability of greyhound racing in this State and reinvigorate the industry, but we believe that further analysis of some of the proposed solutions needs to be conducted. Thus we have decided to conduct financial modelling of the economic impacts of a number of proposals put forward by industry participants. The results of this modelling, and further recommendations to the Government, will be included in our second report, which will be released in June this year,' concluded Mr Borsak.

The report is available on the Committee's website: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/greyhoundracing](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/greyhoundracing).

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