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Please receive my submission on the above subject :-

(i) The need for three stewards at each TAB race meeting :

I find this situation to be in my opinion an unnecessary circumstance as one of the stewards seem to be stationed at the starting boxes. As we already have a registered starter at the boxes, one would wonder whether the stewards trust the starter to carry out his duties. Maybe this may be rectified by having one person at the boxes called a steward/ starter. As we now have cameras on back straights and home straights it would appear to me that a third steward is not required. Might I say that previously while I have been a non-TAB steward I have officiated at three non-TAB meetings in three days by myself and have completed all the duties required, such as swabs, incidents in running etc. I have relayed my concern to my local member who in turn relayed it to the minister, I was told that I would receive advice as of 28th February 2020, to this day I have not received any advice from the minister.

(ii) Total amount of Administration used by GWIC.

I have been made aware of the fact the the total amount for administration of GWIC is approaching \$20,000,000. This would appear in my opinion to be overkill, as the two entities GRNSW and GWIC must be now almost using nearly \$40,000,000 for administration for an industry that doesn't generate billions in TAB dividends.

(iii) The need to be aware of the Greyhound Racing Industry and its workings.

I have been made aware of the fact that some employees of GWIC are told that they don't need to have any knowledge of the greyhound industry as it may cause a conflict of interests. It also appears that employees are advised not to seek any information regarding the greyhound industry as this may also involve a perceived conflict.

In conclusion, I have been associated with the industry for over 50 years and I am very passionate about same. I hope that my submission will be helpful.

Yours sincerely,
Rex Nairn.