

**Submission
No 50**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND WELFARE AND INTEGRITY COMMISSION

Organisation: Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party Greyhound Branch

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[] PREFACE

The Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party Greyhound Branch is a political affiliate of the Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party. It is represented in both houses of the NSW parliament. Its membership is mainly licenced greyhound participants. This submission is forwarded on behalf of the branch membership and is authorised by the branch secretary, Mr Trevor Hagney.

1. RENUMERATION OF GWIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

At present, these costs are borne in part by funding from GRNSW.

Under the the Greyhound Racing Act 2017, Division 1, Part 2, section 9 these costs can be sourced as follows-

9 Staff

Persons may be employed in the Public Service under the Government Sector Employment Act 2013 to enable the Commission to exercise its functions.

We ask that the committee recommend that remuneration of GWIC officers and employees be sourced from the Public Service budget.

2. GWIC'S CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH VETINARIANS

At present, GWIC does not engage the services of any prominent veterinarian whose expertise lies in the area of racing greyhounds. Race day veterinarians employed by GWIC do not accept presentation of greyhounds at their practices.

We ask that the committee investigate these contracts in regards to-

(a) best practice for participant outcomes

(b) best practice for greyhound welfare outcomes

3. PENALTY INFRINGEMENT NOTICES

PIN notices, which were approved in the 2019 Greyhound Regulation, seem to have no recourse of appeal.

We ask the committee to look into the legality of this regulation.

4. REPORT OF DR JOHN KENIRY

At the time of Mike Baird's greyhound ban, Dr John Keniry was engaged by the government to conduct a fact finding tour of NSW in response to McHugh's Special Commission into greyhounds.

As the ban was overturned, the Keniry report was not tabled in parliament.

We ask the committee to obtain this report if possible, and balance it against the McHugh report, the recommendations of Morris Lemma and the Greyhound Racing Act 2017, which form the basis of GWIC's charter.