INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND WELFARE AND INTEGRITY COMMISSION

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Mr Robert BORSAK,

I have submitted submissions into the workings of GWIC and given evidence at the Newcastle hearing. I feel like I am being harassed and intimidated against by GWIC. One thing I spoke about at the Newcastle sitting was the way I was informed by GWIC at receiving a positive swab to cobalt and the results of such inquiry. It was posted upon their integrity page under persons charged before I was informed. Again on Friday, 13 August, 2021 my name was posted as having 9 Conduct Charges laid against me. I have not been informed of any inquiry or know of why these charges have been laid.

I found out Friday night, I had people asking me, ringing me and texting me inquiring what I had done. I did not know or been informed of anything. This caused me enormous stress and embarrassment. On Saturday. 14 August I sent an SMS message to the Chief Steward regarding the effect this has on my health and questioned why I had not been informed as to what this is about. About an hour later I received a SMS message from Mr Mathew TUTT, Legal Services GWIC stating my name will be removed from the persons charged list and he will arrange for me to receive an email on Monday. I am guilty already and don't even know what the charges are about. They lay the charges, hear the charges, set the penalty and if you appeal hear the appeal.

GWIC are supposed to be professional and their acting very unprofessional with the participants they want to target. I also noted that there are 5 participants listed on the persons charged list that have given evidence at the parliament enquiry. I feel I am being harassed for speaking up about GWIC failures.

Alex Verhagen