

Communique - Greyhound Racing Transition Working Group

This communique highlights the key discussions and considerations from the Greyhound Racing Transition Working Group meeting held on 1 October 2025:

Summary of matters discussed:

1. Scope of working group

As the initial meeting of the Greyhound Racing Transition Working Group, the scope and role of the working group was discussed.

It was noted that all invitations for a member of the greyhound racing community, including each of the greyhound racing clubs, to join the working group had been declined. These invitations remain open, and the Commissioner expressed a commitment to ensuring the perspective and voice of the greyhound racing community is involved in this process, and the working group.

The working group expressed the importance of the direct perspective and input from the greyhound racing community into the working group and its discussions, particularly on matters of participant wellbeing and animal welfare.

The Commissioner and members of the working group will continue to explore avenues to engage with the greyhound racing community to ensure this can occur.

2. Tasracing audit of greyhounds in Tasmania

Tasracing presented the results of its recent audit of greyhounds in Tasmania. Challenges relating to ongoing traceability were raised, with options discussed.

It was noted that these audits will be conducted by Tasracing twice yearly, through to 30 June 2029.

3. Participant wellbeing and support

It was highlighted that participant wellbeing and support will be crucial throughout the transition and post 30 June 2029 – direct input from the greyhound racing participant base is required to provide perspective and understanding of their needs and help frame this program.

4. Animal welfare

Animal welfare matters were discussed, including the rehoming of greyhounds and additional support that may be required for participants in order to continue to care for, feed, and accommodate, their greyhounds throughout the transition.

5. Community considerations

The working group discussed the impact of the greyhound racing transition on the community, focusing on the greyhound racing community initially.

The 2025-2026 Racing Schedule was tabled.

The next meeting of the working group will be held on 29 October 2025.

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