

# Communique - Greyhound Racing Transition Working Group

This communique highlights the key discussions and considerations from the Greyhound Racing Transition Working Group meeting held on 4 March 2026:

## **Summary of matters discussed:**

### 1. Correspondence

The Commissioner noted the Communique of each GRTWG meeting emailed directly to Greyhounds Tasmania and the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee to keep them informed of matters discussed within the working group (WG) meetings.

The Commissioner received correspondence from the Joint Sanding Committee for further information from his appearance on 11 February 2026.

### 2. Luke Gatehouse (Greyhounds Tasmania)

Luke Gatehouse accepted an invitation to attend to discuss issues raised by Greyhounds Tasmania. Mr Gatehouse attended via video link and was welcomed to the meeting. Mr Gatehouse noted he was meeting with the Greyhound Committee that evening and will take any questions or issues to the committee for responses.

Mr Gatehouse raised issues that were aware the Greyhound Participants were concerned with and would like addressed, these included amongst other areas; participants' mental health, retraining and compensation. The Commissioner re-affirmed his position on welfare support services and assured the other areas would be address in the Transition Plan. Mr Gatehouse provided options on the best communication methods for industry participants.

Numerous issues were discussed between the Working Group members and Mr Gatehouse.

Mr Gatehouse was invited to attend the April meeting to which he said he would do on approval from Greyhounds Tasmania.

### 3. Oct-Dec statistics for greyhounds – update

Tasracing provided an update of the statewide greyhound audit currently being undertaken. This will be conducted by 6 March 2026

Some key issues identified include

- Overall greyhound numbers to remain the same.
- Details of record corrections arising from the audit.
- Increase of servicing notices.
- Traceability – physical inspections are crucial to maintaining accurate records.

The Commissioner will be notifying Greyhounds Tasmania and the JSC of the audit results.

### 4. Greyhound Transition Modelling

Dave Manshanden was an apology and has been asked to address this topic in a future meeting.

### 5. Budget

The Commissioner has completed a 12-month operational (staff only) budget submission for the Greyhound Transition Program and provided this to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment

### 6. Complaints

Complaints are being managed through the Commissioner's office. The Commissioner has provided the number of complaints for 2024/5 and 2025/6 to the JSC. Complaints are to be processed in line with the Commissioner's complaint handling framework. Complaints are received by the Commissioners office and then assigned to the appropriate agency.

### 7. Draft Transition Plan

The draft transition plan will continue to be developed and WG members are expected to have input into each topic or area to be considered and discussed. Subject matter experts will be invited to attend the WG when required.

### 8. Other Business

The Commissioner noted the impact of kennel cough has been on-going and has resulted in the suspension of race meetings and trials.

9. Administration issues

The next meeting of the working group will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.

Any enquiries can be directed to the office of the Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner by email to [GreyhoundTransition@racingintegrity.tas.gov.au](mailto:GreyhoundTransition@racingintegrity.tas.gov.au).

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sean Carroll', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sean Carroll  
**Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner**

16 March 2026