



**The Honourable Kevin Anderson MP**  
Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation

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Dear Ms Minnican

Thank you for forwarding me the petition of NSW residents concerning a proposed Tweed Greyhound Track Development.

The NSW Government is committed to supporting a competitive, responsible and sustainable greyhound racing industry, underpinned by recent major reforms. In April 2017 the NSW Parliament passed the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* (the **Act**), which implemented key recommendations of the Greyhound Industry Reform Panel, including the establishment of the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission (**Commission**) as the industry's independent regulator.

The Commission's responsibilities include the control, supervision and regulation of NSW greyhound racing and the initiation, development and implementation of policies relating to greyhound welfare.

The Act also reconstituted Greyhound Racing NSW (**GRNSW**) as the industry's commercial body. Reducing racing injuries is a major focus of the Commission and GRNSW, which lead the way in the utilisation of race injury data as an evidence-based approach to improving race track design and assessment and the development of racing protocols to reduce racing injuries

The Act introduced a comprehensive animal welfare plan for the industry, including the requirement for an enforceable Code of Practice for the treatment, handling and care of greyhounds (the **Code**). The Code came into effect on 1 January 2021. Provisions in the Code are supported by a robust re-homing policy, which creates strict requirements that greyhound owners must meet in attempting to rehome greyhounds.

In 2020 the Act was subject to a statutory review, which included significant consultation with key stakeholders, interested parties and members of the public. A report on the findings of the statutory review was tabled in Parliament in April 2021.

Concerns about a proposed greyhound racing track in Tweed should be directed to Greyhound Racing NSW.

Yours sincerely

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