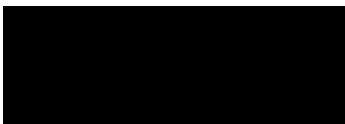




MICK GENTLEMAN MLA

Minister for Planning and Land Management
Minister for Racing and Gaming
Minister for Workplace Safety and Industrial Relations
Manager of Government Business

Member for Brindabella



Dear 

Thank you for your email to the Chief Minister of 4 February 2016 on the issue of greyhound racing in the ACT. I am responding to you as the Minister for Racing and Gaming.

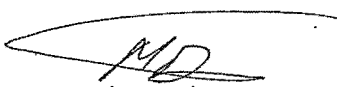
The ACT Government and I care deeply about ensuring the safety and welfare of all animals, including those that are part of our racing industry. The ACT Gambling and Racing Commission has conducted enquiries into the greyhound racing industry. The Commission continues to monitor animal welfare concerns and compliance with industry standards. A review of animal welfare laws from the Minister responsible for animal welfare in the Territory, particularly in relation to the issue of live baiting within the ACT, was conducted in June 2015. No complaints or reports of animals being mistreated were found.

The local greyhound racing industry provides economic and social contributions to the ACT including in the form of community events and charity sponsorship. Like other racing codes, greyhound racing contributes to the ACT economy in various ways including through the employment of local people and generation of activity from infrastructure maintenance. Indirect contributions flow from attracting visitors to the region to attend races and events.

I note your request that the Chief Minister support a ban on greyhound racing in the Territory. While the Government's current position is to continue to support a sustainable and ethical racing industry, I recognise the recent calls to ban greyhound racing altogether. Such a ban would require legislative reform and, as such, would be a matter for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

Thank you again for taking the time to write about this important issue.

Yours sincerely


Mick Gentleman MLA
17/2/16

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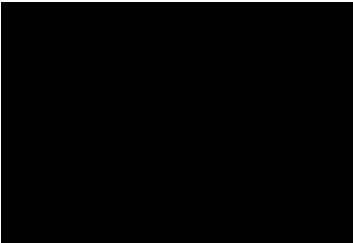
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Member for Brindabella



Thank you for your email of 17 February 2016 seeking further information about greyhound racing in the ACT. I have provided responses to each of the specific questions raised by you.

Community and social contribution

Analysis undertaken as part of a 2011 review by the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC) estimated that for every \$1 dollar reduction in the local racing industry (of which greyhound racing is a part), the ACT's economic output would fall by \$1.42-\$1.86. A copy of the ICRC's analysis is available at www.icrc.act.gov.au/archives/non-regulated-industry-reviews/.

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- offering prize money that is spent in local shops and on local services;
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Social contributions include:

- sponsorship of charity and community events (the current fundraising focus is for Black Mountain School and Hartley Life).
- creation of 'community pride' in sporting/racing success; and
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Employment in the industry

As at February 2016, the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club (CGRC) had 151 members and eight full-time-equivalent employees consisting of: two full-time staff; 20 casuals; and local

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contractors for steward, veterinarian, vision and accountant services.

Infrastructure maintenance

The CGRC maintains significant infrastructure including the racing track, three competing yards, a rehabilitation yard and a straight track.

Interstate representation and contribution to the local industry

In relation to your queries about the level of interstate participation in local greyhound racing events, while a number of participants travel from interstate to attend CGRC meetings (particularly from NSW), the Government does not hold statistics on interstate participation levels. I understand there are two trial runs each week with 20-30 participants as well as race meetings 44 times per year. I am advised that there are 50-60 participants attending each meeting as well as approximately 150 patrons and spectators.

Government funding to the RSPCA

I note your question about the level of funding provided to the RSPCA. The Territory and Municipal Services Directorate has advised funding for 2015-16 is \$0.698 million.

Live baiting and NSW greyhounds racing in the ACT

The Government continues to closely liaise with the CGRC to ensure animal welfare standards within the industry are upheld. The ACT Gambling and Racing Commission (the Commission) has initiated inspections of the venue and has attended race meetings and training sessions to monitor activity. While the Commission is responsible for the regulation of gambling activities, the CGRC is responsible for the conduct of greyhound racing, the registration of owners and trainers and the control of race day activities. The CGRC is required to conduct all races in line with relevant ACT legislation and in accordance with the *Greyhound Racing (NSW) Greyhound Racing Rules*.

The Commission has ascertained that one trainer currently under investigation in NSW for the illegal practice of live baiting has previously raced in the ACT (in September 2013). The Commission has also been advised that one suspended Victorian trainer had also raced in the ACT. It is understood that, so far, a total of nine individuals in NSW, 29 in Queensland and 22 in Victoria have been suspended pending outcomes of inter-state investigations; the CGRC has advised all of these individuals are banned from participating in ACT races. In addition, 22 trainers have been banned for life in Queensland to date.

Further information about the CGRC and greyhound racing in the ACT is available on the Club's website at www.canberragreyhound.com.au.

Thank you again for taking the time to write about this important issue.

Yours sincerely



Mick Gentleman MLA

26/3/16

Morgan, Anneliese



Please find attached correspondence from Minister Mick Gentleman MLA – Minister for Gaming and Racing.

Kind regards,

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From: McDonald, Helen
Sent: Thursday, 18 February 2016 9:57 AM
To: Kalleske, Mark
Cc: Chan, Stacey
Subject: FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED: Greyhound racing

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Due with LG Friday, 26th Feb

Reply by Minister

Cheers

HM

From: Clarke, Jason
Sent: Wednesday, 17 February 2016 3:02 PM
To: Cross, Narelle
Cc: Gallagher, Abigail
Subject: FW: Greyhound racing

This one needs more detailed response please.

I believe the \$ investment returns 1:5 to the economy?

Ta,

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From: GENTLEMAN
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To: Cross, Narelle
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Hi Narelle,

This is in reference to the CMO one. a response for this please.

Abigail Gallagher | Office Manager

From: GENTLEMAN [mailto:GENTLEMAN@act.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 17 February 2016 10:26 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject:

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From: Wilson, Chris
Sent: Wednesday, 24 February 2016 7:41 PM
To: MACC; Pirani, Yuka
Subject: FW: FOR CLERANCE: BM16/391: FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED: Greyhound racing
Attachments: GOVERNMENT COORDINATION - Advice - Ban greyhound racing in the ACT - [REDACTED]....tr5

Please forward to MO

From: Pirani, Yuka
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Hi Chris
 Looks OK.
 Yuka

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Cc: Morris, Dorena; Hurrell, Erica
Subject: FOR CLERANCE: BM16/391: Approved LG: FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED: Greyhound racing

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For clearance please.

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 Patti

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Morning MACC

BM16/391 approved and trimmed

Regards
 Helen

From: Gilding, Louise
Sent: Tuesday, 23 February 2016 4:13 PM
To: Kalleske, Mark

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Cc: McDonald, Helen

Subject: Approved LG: FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED: Greyhound racing

Hi

Approved

LG

Louise Gilding | Executive Director | Strategy and Program Design
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From: Kalleske, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, 23 February 2016 3:33 PM
To: Gilding, Louise
Cc: McDonald, Helen
Subject: FOR CLEARANCE (BY 26 FEB 2016): FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED: Greyhound racing

Louise

For clearance – proposed response to the [REDACTED] request for further information is at: [G:\LAPS\SF\Policy\2016 Ministerials\BM16-204 - Minister Gentleman letter to \[REDACTED\]](G:\LAPS\SF\Policy\2016 Ministerials\BM16-204 - Minister Gentleman letter to [REDACTED])

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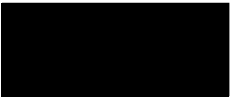
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Caveat Brief

Ref: BM16/217

To Minister for Racing and Gaming
 CC: Director-General, Economic Development

From Executive Director – Policy, Projects and Legislation

Subject Calls for a ban on greyhound racing in the ACT

- On 7 February 2016, Minister Rattenbury joined RSPCA calls for the Government to ban greyhound racing and to end government subsidies to the industry. It is understood RSPCA concerns relate to animal welfare issues such as live baiting and wastage.
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Government support for greyhound racing

- The industry was historically funded through payments from ACTTAB. [REDACTED]
- In line with recommendations from a 2011 racing industry inquiry by the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC), the Government agreed to provide funding certainty for the racing industry.
- The Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the three local racing clubs in December 2013. The MoU details funding arrangements and the medium to longer term policy objectives shared by the Government and the clubs including the development of multi-year contractual arrangements and performance reporting objectives. The MoU expires on 30 June 2017.
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Animal welfare issues

- Greyhounds Australasia (GA) is responsible for driving a national approach to greyhound welfare. GA comprises representatives from jurisdictional controlling bodies in Australian States and Territories, and New Zealand, this includes the CGRC.
- The CGRC has reciprocal arrangements with Greyhound Racing NSW to licence all ACT trainers and to investigate matters relevant to ACT racing. There is currently a Special Commission of Inquiry into NSW greyhound racing, with a key focus on animal welfare matters. The Commission concludes on 31 March 2016.
 - Economic Development suggests it would be prudent to view the Commission's report before contemplating further reform of local greyhound racing.
- Current animal welfare issues include:
 - live baiting:
 - On 16 February 2015, a Four Corners program aired video footage of NSW, QLD and Victorian greyhound owners and trainers in engaging in live baiting.
 - Live baiting is illegal under the Greyhound Racing Rules as well as the *Animal Welfare Act 1992*. Anyone found guilty of the offence faces up to five years in jail and a \$22,000 fine under the Act.
 - The CGRC and ACT Gambling and Racing Commission have never received any complaints about live baiting in the ACT.
 - breeding, re-homing rate and inadequate socialization:

- The CGRC promotes the GA National Greyhound Welfare Strategy to help ensure continued improvement in greyhound welfare outcomes.
- In September 2015, the ACT introduced reforms through the *Domestic Animals (Breeding) Legislation Amendment Act 2015* that outlaw intensive breeding of dogs.
- high rate of injury:
 - The CGRC veterinarian reports less than 1 injury per week (out of the approximately 90 dogs that run).
 - Of those injuries, the vet estimates that 60 to 70 per cent are minor injuries such as sore muscles which are resolved within days.
- banned substances:
 - The CGRC Swabbing Policy advises on the use of veterinary, human, antibiotics, anti inflammatory drugs and drugs in meat.
 - Trainers are required to keep treatment records for each greyhound in their care, including any substance administered to a racing greyhound, feeding plus the dog, date, how administered and amount.
- exporting of greyhounds:
 - Under GA rules, any person exporting a greyhound(s) to another country must, prior to meeting the requirements of the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS), obtain a Greyhound Passport.

Any legislation implications

- The *Racing Act 1999* provides the framework for administration of the racing industry, including greyhound racing. The Act identifies CGRC as the controlling body for greyhound racing, and provides the club with the necessary powers to qualify for membership of the peak racing bodies in Australia.
- The Act sets out the functions and specific powers of the racing clubs including:
 - the approval of race meets;
 - the establishment of rules for greyhound racing; and
 - the registration of animals, trainers and other industry participants.
- While legal advice has yet to be sought, Economic Development considers removing the CGRC's 'controlling body' status from the *Racing Act* would not give effect to banning the sport. If the Government wishes to pursue such a course, it may be more appropriate to do so under the suite of animal welfare legislation.
 - The *Animal Welfare Act 1992* (TAMS) covers the mistreatment of animals. The former Minister for Racing and Gaming wrote to the former TAMS Minister supporting a review of the Act's penalties to ensure they remain consistent with other jurisdictions and that the Government retains sufficient powers.
 - The *Domestic Animals Act 2000* includes provisions relating to the conduct of greyhounds in public.
- Minister Fitzharris is now the TAMS Minister, with any amendments to animal welfare legislation needing to be progressed via her office.

Louise Gilding
8 February 2016



ACT
Government

Chief Minister, Treasury and
Economic Development

COMPLETED

TRIM: BM16/297

To: Minister for Racing and Gaming

Subject: Your meeting with Canberra Greyhound Racing Club

Critical date and reason

1. **17 March 2016** - you are meeting with the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club (CGRC) at 2.00pm.

Louise Gilding, Executive Director, Strategy and Program Design will attend as a representative from Economic Development.

Recommendations

2. That you note the information contained in this brief.

NOTED/PLEASE DISCUSS

BY MG
19/3/16

Mick Gentleman MLA / /

Supporting Reasoning

CGRC request for meeting

3. Mr Kel Watt (Watt Advocacy and Communications) is a representative of the Canberra CGRC and has requested a meeting with you to discuss the following topics:
 - a. ACT Government funding of the CGRC;
 - b. recent media comments made by the RSPCA and Minister Shane Rattenbury MLA calling for a ban on greyhound racing in the ACT and the damage caused to the CGRC and the sport by these comments;
 - c. strategies to develop the relationship between the ACT Government and the CGRC; and
 - d. animal welfare policy and procedures and the economic circumstances of the ACT greyhound racing industry.
4. CGRC Secretary (Ms Debbie Collier) and Deputy Chair (Mr Gary Harriden) is also attending. An Economic Development representative (Ms Louise Gilding) will provide support at the meeting.

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Calls for a ban on greyhound racing

9. On 7 February 2016, Minister Rattenbury joined RSPCA calls for the Government to ban greyhound racing and to end government subsidies to the industry.
10. The RSPCA (ACT) has commenced a petition to ban greyhound racing on its website; it is understood that the CGRC has launched legal action alleging the RSPCA (ACT) published defamatory statements as part of this petition with claims that the CGRC:
- a. provides no economic benefit to the community;
 - b. is surviving only because of significant government subsidies;
 - c. creates very few local jobs;
 - d. primarily supports participants from NSW;
 - e. is not regulated by our local government; and
 - f. has an appalling reputation for animal welfare.
11. A summary of economic contributions by the CGRC is at Attachment A.

Relationship between the CGRC and government

12. The existing MoU between the local racing clubs and the Government outlines the policy objectives shared by government and the racing industry and provides a broad direction for engagement with the industry.
13. Noting the MoU is scheduled to expire on 30 June 2017, and that Cabinet is scheduled to consider contract negotiation parameters, the Government is open to exploring avenues for better industry engagement.

Animal welfare concerns

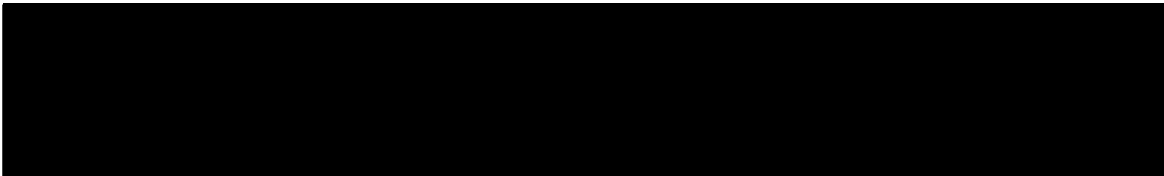
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- b. Wastage refers to the killing of healthy greyhounds which have been purpose bred to race. The *Special Commission of Inquiry into Greyhound Racing in NSW* recently suggested 13,000-17,000 greyhounds are euthanized each year in Australia.
16. In 2015, the former Minister for Racing and Gaming Joy Burch MLA, met with the RSPCA (ACT) to discuss concerns about animal welfare in the ACT racing industry. The CGRC has also, unsuccessfully, sought to meet with the RSPCA (ACT) to discuss these concerns.
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18. Economic Development believes it would be prudent to view the Special Commission of Inquiry's report before contemplating further reform to legislation governing local greyhound racing. Legislation regulating the greyhound racing industry and the breeding of greyhounds is outlined at Attachment C.

Consultation and Communication

19. The Commission has been consulted in development of this brief.

Financial



Management of Other Risks

14. The CGRC maintains that the removal of government funding would threaten the viability of the club and may result in its closure.

Director-General: David Dawes

Executive Clearance: Louise Gilding, Executive Director, Strategy and Program Design

Date: 2 March 2016

Action Officer: Mark Kalleske

Phone: x71763

ATTACHMENT A

Economic and social contributions to the ACT from greyhound racing

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ATTACHMENT B**Current animal welfare issues raised by the RSPCA and members of the community**

Issue	Economic Development comment
Live baiting	<p>On 16 February 2015, a Four Corners program aired video footage of NSW, QLD and Victorian greyhound owners and trainers in engaging in live baiting.</p> <p>Live baiting is illegal under the Greyhound Racing Rules as well as the <i>Animal Welfare Act 1992</i>. Anyone found guilty of the offence faces up to five years in jail and a \$22,000 fine under the Act. The CGRC has suggested increasing these penalty rates.</p> <p>The CGRC and Commission have never received any complaints about live baiting in the ACT. Commission compliance officers have attended a number of race meetings and have not discovered any evidence suggesting that animal cruelty, including live baiting, has taken place. However, two suspended trainers (one from NSW and the other from Victoria) have been identified as having raced in the ACT in previous years; these trainers have now been banned from future races in the ACT.</p>
Breeding	<p>Nationally, Greyhounds Australasia¹ (GA) estimates 40% of greyhounds bred for racing do not race (7,000 greyhounds per year). In September 2015, the ACT introduced reforms through the <i>Domestic Animals (Breeding) Legislation Amendment Act 2015</i> that outlaw intensive breeding of dogs.</p>
High rate of injury	<p>The RSPCA estimates over 600 greyhounds are injured every month during races across Australia.</p> <p>Locally, the CGRC veterinarian reports less than 1 injury per week (out of the approximately 90 dogs that run). Of those injuries, the vet estimates that 60-70% are minor injuries such as sore muscles which are resolved within days.</p> <p>The CGRC promotes GA's National Greyhound Welfare Strategy aimed at continuing improvement in greyhound welfare outcomes.</p>

¹ Greyhounds Australasia is responsible for driving a national approach to greyhound welfare. GA comprises representatives from jurisdictional controlling bodies in Australian States and Territories, and New Zealand, this includes the CGRC.

<p>Re-homing rate and inadequate socialization</p>	<p>Greyhounds have an average life expectancy of approximately 12-15 years; however, dogs generally retire from racing by two to five years of age. The RSPCA estimates that only a very small proportion of ex-racing greyhounds (around 1,000) are adopted annually in Australia through industry greyhound adoption programs. The RSPCA further states inadequate housing conditions and a lack of environmental enrichment is another key animal welfare issue for many greyhounds.</p> <p>In 2014-15 Greyhound Racing NSW's compliance officers inspected 1,401 properties of licensed participants. Given its affiliate nature, this also included CGRC's ACT trainers. CGRC has advised every ACT trainer had "excellent results" from the kennel inspections.</p>
<p>Banned substances</p>	<p>The CGRC Swabbing Policy advises on the use of veterinary, human, antibiotics, anti-inflammatory drugs and drugs in meat.</p> <p>Trainers are required to keep treatment records for each greyhound in their care, including any substance administered to a racing greyhound, feeding plus the dog, date, how administered and amount.</p>
<p>Exporting of greyhounds</p>	<p>Under GA's rules, any person exporting a greyhound(s) to another country must obtain a Greyhound Passport prior to meeting the requirements of the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS).</p>

ATTACHMENT C

Legislation implications

<p><i>Racing Act 1999</i></p>	<p>The <i>Racing Act 1999</i> provides the framework for administration of the racing industry, including greyhound racing. The Act identifies CGRC as the controlling body for greyhound racing, and provides the club with the necessary powers to qualify for membership of the peak racing bodies in Australia.</p> <p>The Act sets out the functions and specific powers of the racing clubs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the approval of race meets; b. the establishment of rules for greyhound racing; and c. the registration of animals, trainers and other industry participants. <p>While legal advice has yet to be sought, Economic Development considers removing the CGRC's 'controlling body' status from the Racing Act would not give effect to banning the sport. If the Government wishes to pursue such a course, it may be more appropriate to do so under the suite of animal welfare legislation. Any amendments to animal welfare legislation would need to be progressed by the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS).</p>
<p><i>Animal Welfare Act 1992</i></p>	<p>The <i>Animal Welfare Act 1992</i> covers the mistreatment of animals. The former Minister for Racing and Gaming wrote to the former TAMS Minister supporting a review of the Act's penalties to ensure they remain consistent with other jurisdictions and that the Government retains sufficient powers.</p>
<p><i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i></p>	<p>The <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> includes provisions relating to the conduct of greyhounds in public.</p>

Bogiatzis, Patti

From: Wilson, Chris
Sent: Friday, 4 March 2016 7:03 AM
To: MACC
Cc: Pirani, Yuka
Subject: FW: FOR CLEARANCE: BM16/297 meeting with Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

From: Dawes, David
Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2016 6:53 PM
To: Wilson, Chris
Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE: BM16/297 meeting with Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc

Hi Chris

Right to go.

DD

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From: Wilson, Chris
Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2016 6:30 PM
To: Dawes, David <David.Dawes@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: FOR CLEARANCE: BM16/297 meeting with Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc

Looks ok. Louise will attend with the Minister.

Chris

From: Pirani, Yuka
Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2016 6:10 PM
To: Wilson, Chris
Subject: FW: FOR CLEARANCE: BM16/297 meeting with Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc

Hi Chris
 Is this something that David should attend?
 Yuka

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From: MACC
Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2016 6:05 PM
To: Pirani, Yuka
Cc: Bogiatzis, Patti; Hurrell, Erica

Subject: FOR CLEARANCE BM16/297: Approved LG: (ASAP - due to MO 4 Mar 2016): BM16/297 meeting with Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc

Hi Yuka

BM16/297 is available on Trim for clearance.

Dorena

From: McDonald, Helen

Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2016 9:49 AM

To: MACC

Cc: Kalleske, Mark

Subject: BM16/297: Approved LG: (ASAP - due to MO 4 Mar 2016): BM16/297 meeting with Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc

Morning MACC

BM16/297 approved and trimmed

Regards

Helen

From: Gilding, Louise

Sent: Wednesday, 2 March 2016 6:04 PM

To: Kalleske, Mark

Cc: McDonald, Helen

Subject: Approved LG: (ASAP - due to MO 4 Mar 2016): BM16/297 meeting with Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc

Hi

Approved

LG

Louise Gilding | Executive Director | Strategy and Program Design

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Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate | ACT Government

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From: Kalleske, Mark

Sent: Wednesday, 2 March 2016 5:43 PM

To: Gilding, Louise

Cc: McDonald, Helen

Subject: FOR CLEARANCE (ASAP - due to MO 4 Mar 2016): BM16/297 meeting with Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc

Louise

For clearance, a brief to Minister Gentleman for his meeting with the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club on 17 March 2016:

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Content has been based on the issues outlined in the email chain below as no specific agenda has been provided.

Heads up, there will be a similar package coming up as we now understand that the Minister is meeting separately with the Canberra Racing Club on the same day. We will also have an urgent functions package to you tomorrow in relation to the Minister's attendance at the Black Opal Stakes this coming Sunday.

Thanks
Mark

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From: GENTLEMAN
Sent: Monday, 15 February 2016 5:09 PM
To: Cross, Narelle
Subject: FW: Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc - URGENT meeting request

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Minister for Planning and Land Management
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Minister for Workplace Safety and Industrial Relations
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 15 February 2016 10:39 AM
To: GENTLEMAN; Clarke, Jason
Subject: RE: Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc - URGENT meeting request

Good morning Minister (and Jason)

I hope you are still able to meet with myself and the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club regarding the matters raised below following your return from the international trade delegation tour.

If a suitable time has been identified would you please let me know at your first convenience.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc - URGENT meeting request
Date: Wed, 10 Feb 2016 15:45:18 +1100

CC: [REDACTED]

To: GENTLEMAN@act.gov.au; jason.clarke@act.gov.au

Good afternoon Minister Gentleman and Mr Clarke

I write to you as an official representative of the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc requesting an urgent meeting to discuss ACT Government funding of the organisation, as well as recent media comments by Minister Rattenbury and the RSPCA demanding intervention by Cabinet to shut the industry down.

Misleading and inaccurate claims have been made by the Minister and the RSPCA. The standing of the Club and sport in the ACT has been seriously wounded, so we intend to discuss strategies to continue our relationship with the ACT Government, as well as brief you on animal welfare policies and procedures and the economic circumstances of the ACT industry.

Given the misleading campaign and the tactics currently being used by Minister Rattenbury and the RSPCA, a meeting time identification with significant urgency is required.

As a registered lobbyist in the ACT I will be attending and leading the meeting with you. I will also ensure an overview document of discussion topics is provided ahead of the meeting so you are across the substance of matters we wish to highlight.

Your work with the industry as Minister is deeply appreciated, and it is hoped the current dilemma provides an opportunity to enhance our relationship with the government, as well as provide a platform for highlighting strong community and animal welfare work undertaken by the club with the ACT public.

We look forward to meeting at your office at your first convenience.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Summary of Report of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Greyhound Racing Industry in NSW and the Government Response

Overview of Report

The Honourable Michael McHugh AC QC was appointed by the NSW Government on 6 May 2015 to inquire into the Greyhound Racing Industry in NSW following the exposure of wide-spread live baiting practices and animal cruelty.

Due to the overwhelming amount of evidence presented to the Commission, its timeframe was extended and it reported to Government on 16 June 2016.

The most critical of the Special Commission's remit was to evaluate:

Whether the issues [relating to the governance, integrity and animal welfare standards of the greyhound racing industry in NSW] are able to be appropriately address, to permit the continuation of a greyhound racing industry in NSW that is sustainable and provides an ongoing economic and social contribution to the State (Term of Reference C6).

Options (Recommendations)

The report recommended two options:

- Option 1 (*Recommendation 1*) – no longer permit greyhound racing and close down the industry.
- Option 2 (*Recommendations 2-80*) – maintain the industry and undertake reforms to improve transparency and governance and reduce the level of greyhound deaths.

Key themes and findings within Report

Some of the key themes contained in the report were:

- Excessive wastage of greyhounds;
- Governance (the ineffectiveness of the controlling body);
- Lack of professional practice by industry participants;
- Regulatory focus was not complimented by education of industry participants;
- Lack of willingness to change within industry;
- Maltreatment of, and poor conditions for greyhounds;

- Passive condoning barbaric practices such as live baiting throughout industry;
- Lack of reporting of and integrity by officials, including fraudulent record keeping of incidents, injuries and deaths of greyhounds;
- Contribution of greyhound industry is limited to its economic benefit;
- Growth in wagering industry for greyhounds (according to Tabcorp data);
- Concept of “social licence” was the key lens through which the recommendations for the report were made (criterion does not imply legal responsibility); and
- Australia is one of only a small number of countries where commercial greyhound racing industry is permitted to exist.

NSW Government Response

The NSW Government has decided to shut down the industry and legislation will be prepared and introduced into Parliament to ban it in NSW.

The transition to shutdown will be 12 months to allow appropriate management of animal welfare and transitions for industry participants, greyhound racing will be permitted until 1 July 2017.

An administrator will be appointed to run Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) during the transition to shutdown, after which GRNSW will be dissolved.

Protection of animal welfare, humane treatment and minimisation of animal deaths will be the NSW Government’s priority through this transition and Government has engaged the RSPCA NSW to assist with this.

The NSW Government will announce a detailed industry shutdown plan during the second half of 2016 following consultation with stakeholders in industry and animal welfare organisations. The plan will include:

- A welfare plan for existing greyhounds;
- A support package for industry participants; and
- A transition arrangement for existing Greyhound Racing NSW assets that will ensure they are used for open public space, alternative sporting facilities or other community use.

Maclean, Natalie

From: Monger, Brett
Sent: Friday, 8 July 2016 8:45 AM
To: Hanigan, Jessica; Maclean, Natalie
Subject: FW: NSW To Put an End to greyhound racing [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: image001.jpg

For info.

Brett

From: Balaretnaraja, Ash
Sent: Thursday, 7 July 2016 5:20 PM
To: Monger, Brett
Cc: Goth, Kathy
Subject: FW: NSW To Put an End to greyhound racing [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

fyi

From: Thompson, Bruce
Sent: Thursday, 7 July 2016 5:11 PM
To: Balaretnaraja, Ash; Snowden, David
Subject: Fwd: NSW To Put an End to greyhound racing [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dolan, Fiona" <Fiona.Dolan@act.gov.au>
Date: 7 July 2016 at 4:25:18 PM AEST
To: "Thompson, Bruce" <Bruce.Thompson@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: NSW To Put an End to greyhound racing [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Bruce

Please see the below statement re: greyhound industry.

You may already have this, but please feel free to circulate to internal stakeholders.

Thanks
Fiona

From: Paviour, Mark
Sent: Thursday, 7 July 2016 4:08 PM
To: Dolan, Fiona; Perkins, Anita; O'Daly, Edward
Subject: RE: NSW To Put an End to greyhound racing [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hey Fiona,

See below the statement we have provided to the media. Can you distribute this within directorate to those that need to know?

Maclean, Natalie

From: Maclean, Natalie
Sent: Monday, 11 July 2016 3:15 PM
To: Monger, Brett; Hanigan, Jessica
Subject: RE: greyhound racing - research [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: Greyhound statistics.doc

Hi Brett and Jess,

I am waiting for some information from Access Canberra/Commission in relation to most of the research questions but in the meantime please see below for a couple of interesting facts and figures.

Greyhounds Australasia Statistics

Please find the link to some interesting facts and figures in relation to Greyhound Racing in Australasia [here](#). You will note the following interesting statistics:

- No greyhound litters and no greyhounds have been named in the ACT which indicates that greyhounds are not being bred in the ACT; and
- No owners or trainers are registered in the ACT.

Greyhound Breeder Directory

Also the Greyhound Breeder Directory does not list a breeding kennel in the Territory – the closest breeding kennels are located in Gunning, NSW and Goulburn, NSW.

<http://www.greyhound-data.com/kenneldb.htm?land=au&x=0&order=name&z=MARgip>

Also note that in May 2013 greyhound euthanasia figures were not available for the ACT – which was advised by the ACT Government Veterinarian.

Minister for Racing and Gaming Access Canberra 2015-16 Estimates Brief on Greyhound Industry

From the Estimates Briefings from Access Canberra:

- The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club (the Club) has been operating in the ACT for 36 years.
- The Club, under the auspices of Greyhounds Australasia, is responsible for the conduct of greyhound racing, the registration of owners and trainers and the control of race day activities under their Rules of Racing.
- In controlling greyhound racing in the ACT, the Club has a reciprocal arrangement with Greyhound Racing NSW to licence all ACT trainers and to investigate matters relevant to ACT racing.
- As at February 2016 the Club had 151 members and conducts trials twice a week, with the club hosting at least 44 race meets per year. Local races are broadcast weekly on Sky1 or Sky2 racing channels which attract a national audience and race participants travel from interstate to compete in Canberra. The club employs eight full-time equivalent staff (two fulltime employees and 20 casuals) and several contractors (such as vets) with annual wages in excess of \$250,000.
- Analysis undertaken as part of a 2011 Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission review estimated that for every \$1 reduction in the local racing industry, ACT economic output would fall by \$1.42 to \$1.86.

Cheers
 Nat

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****Please note that I only work on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's.****

From: Monger, Brett
Sent: Monday, 11 July 2016 10:09 AM

To: Maclean, Natalie; Hanigan, Jessica

Subject: greyhound racing - research [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hey Nat & Jess,

Can you please do a bit of research on the greyhound industry. Kathy would like to know

- How many members are with the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club
- Some financials of the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club (eg turnover, finances etc)
- How many trainers, breeders etc are from the ACT
- Anything else you think might be useful to get full & complete information about the industry

Thanks

Brett

Australasian Statistics

Number of Meetings

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	44	1,253	452	50	349	157	1,089	565	309	4,268
2014	44	1,282	447	51	351	157	1,059	574	309	4,321
2013	44	1,298	426	50	352	158	1,002	542	307	4,192
2012	44	1,333	425	53	318	160	931	526	296	4,086
2011	44	1,380	406	51	321	154	933	488	288	4,068
2010	43	1,384	368	51	322	157	869	544	285	4,065

Number of Races Held

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	484	12,422	5,396	293	3,683	1,615	13,494	5,360	3,627	46,374
2014	484	13,150	5,381	306	3,646	1,601	12,578	5,467	3,582	46,195
2013	440	13,225	5,288	282	3,964	1,636	11,771	5,128	3,650	45,384
2012	440	13,916	5,024	312	3,973	1,662	10,752	4,993	3,558	44,630
2011	422	14,209	4,879	255	3,284	1,547	10,607	4,567	3,489	43,259
2010	387	14,231	4,204	311	3,213	1,568	9,994	5,152	3,472	42,532

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Number of Starters

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	3,850	94,222	42,628	2,122	28,414	12,477	100,241	41,467	27,728	353,149
2014	3,754	95,732	42,358	2,227	28,435	12,417	97,605	49,977	27,605	360,110
2013	3,684	101,659	41,310	1,653	20,425	12,756	90,990	38,751	28,255	339,756
2012	3,455	106,155	39,221	2,150	19,499	12,933	83,758	37,768	27,717	332,656
2011	2,954	107,276	37,822	1,653	24,857	12,057	82,735	33,775	27,291	330,429
2010	2,780	106,577	33,625	2,103	24,285	12,208	78,950	37,861	27,179	323,575

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	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	764,950	23,030,582	TBA	290,390	6,743,000	3,818,150	41,814,840	13,002,519	11,561,645	TBA
2014	724,145	23,237,004	11,528,500	326,845	6,197,000	3,792,395	41,767,000	5,273,492	11,380,260	\$104,226mil
2013	549,060	22,604,293	10,444,340	264,735	5,756,284	3,967,670	37,764,400	10,358,028	9,871,130	\$101.580mil
2012	468,380	22,468,416	9,102,320	297,560	5,503,017	3,751,495	30,384,000	9,499,109	8,837,420	\$90.312mil
2011	424,000	22,210,478	8,727,540	217,710	4,810,000	3,248,660	26,904,000	7,767,111	8,464,430	\$82.774mil
2010	344,000	20,939,289	9,100,000	193,964	4,361,000	3,116,235	25,450,000	7,715,550	8,684,845	\$79.905mil

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Number of Clubs

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	1	34	11	1	6	3	13	7	3	79
2014	1	34	11	1	6	3	13	7	3	79
2013	1	34	10	1	6	3	13	7	3	78
2012	1	35	10	1	8	3	13	7	3	81
2011	1	35	10	1	8	3	13	7	3	81
2010	1	35	10	1	9	3	13	7	3	82

Licensed Persons (Total)

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	N/A	6,268	TBA	74	1,620	681	14,199	TBA	2,460	TBA
2014	N/A	8,017	1,370	149	1,749	637	11,800	4,147	2,663	N/A
2013	N/A	4,129	1,107	68	1,797	645	12,256	5,781	2,440	N/A
2012	N/A	4,841	1,191	61	1,850	584	13,151	5,354	2,112	N/A
2011	N/A	5,267	872	59	1,842	546	14,625	5,099	2,343	N/A
2010	N/A	N/A	1,409	65	1,901	534	14,513	4,991	1,919	N/A

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Owners (includes syndicates)

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	N/A	5,952	664	35	1,262	301	10,810	2,752	2,100	23,876
2014	N/A	7,623	925	97	1,385	267	9,840	2,905	2,276	N/A
2013	N/A	N/A	653	40	1,313	291	8,980	3,853	2,014	N/A
2012	N/A	N/A	717	37	1,654	258	10,236	3,689	1,707	N/A
2011	N/A	N/A	486	37	1,442	289	10,824	3,340	2,011	N/A
2010	N/A	N/A	821	43	1,492	267	10,780	2,995	1,605	N/A

Trainers

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	N/A	1,470	70	14	206	140	2,604	TBA	76	TBA
2014	N/A	1,419	78	17	214	135	2,763	490	82	5,316
2013	N/A	1,432	89	14	200	133	2,772	524	84	5,248
2012	N/A	1,589	84	12	218	128	2,273	553	83	4,940
2011	N/A	1,595	75	12	216	126	2,962	1,073	86	6,145
2010	N/A	1,553	70	12	210	129	2,970	1,143	86	6,173

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Owner/Trainers

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	N/A	1,846	161	11	151	70	incl in trainers	TBA	169	TBA
2014	N/A	1,744	172	16	148	80	incl in trainers	381	182	N/A
2013	N/A	2,082	183	incl in owners	149	79	incl in trainers	435	188	N/A
2012	N/A	1,755	198	incl in owners	172	78	incl in trainers	477	181	N/A
2011	N/A	2,330	173	incl in owners	171	77	incl in trainers	N/A	211	N/A
2010	18	2,329	296	incl in owners	184	69	incl in trainers	N/A	207	3,085

Attendants

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	9	1,098	TBA	14	1	39	638	TBA	115	TBA
2014	10	1,004	195	19	2	137	412	371	123	2,273
2013	11	1,170	186	14	3	151	594	438	154	2,721
2012	12	942	186	12	13	139	642	496	141	2,583
2011	10	1,342	138	10	13	42	839	506	35	2,925
2010	10	1,233	222	10	15	45	763	647	21	2,956

Greyhounds Named

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	0	5,645	608	0	375	307	3,691	1,265	449	12,340
2014	0	5,317	747	0	408	300	3,661	1,533	424	12,390
2013	0	6,141	638	0	360	340	4,553	1,362	438	13,832
2012	0	5,689	472	0	380	341	3,888	1,603	401	12,774
2011	0	5,491	480	0	349	289	3,820	1,451	400	12,280
2010	0	6,595	1,100	0	415	241	3,665	1,564	374	13,954

Litters Registered

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	0	1,232	137	3	105	93	1,029	426	118	3,143
2014	0	1,248	142	1	94	112	952	474	86	3,109
2013	0	1,069	146	0	99	80	1,003	354	100	2,851
2012	0	1,148	158	0	91	94	937	312	80	2,820
2011	0	1,276	136	0	89	87	994	350	91	3,023
2010	0	1,306	146	0	90	82	1,083	369	117	3,193

Maclean, Natalie

From: Monger, Brett
Sent: Tuesday, 12 July 2016 10:28 AM
To: Goth, Kathy
Cc: Maclean, Natalie; Hanigan, Jessica; Hines, Jayne
Subject: FW: Talking points for Greyhounds [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Kathy,

I've put a heap of information in this document which may be useful to give an indication of the industry. This started as a 'how do we address the issue' to include more of an information paper.

If there's anything you can think of that may be useful let us know.

Thanks to Jess, Jayne & Nat for this info.

Happy to discuss.

Brett

From: Monger, Brett
Sent: Monday, 11 July 2016 5:18 PM
To: Goth, Kathy
Subject: FW: Talking points for Greyhounds [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hey Kathy,

Here are the talking points for you. I'll finalise tomorrow morning.

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Brett

From: Monger, Brett
Sent: Monday, 11 July 2016 9:39 AM
To: Maclean, Natalie
Cc: Hanigan, Jessica
Subject: Talking points for Greyhounds [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Nat,

As I mentioned Jess has prepared a paper on Talking Points for Kathy in relation to the greyhound matter (thanks Jess).

Jayne has made some changes and I've added a few things (such as 'what happens to the land').

I'm updating it at the moment for things like public reaction. You should look at this document and happy for your input.

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Cheers

Brett



ACT
Government

Chief Minister, Treasury and
Economic Development

TALKING POINTS - Greyhound Racing in the ACT

Legislative Implications

The following ACT legislation will need to be amended in order to end greyhound racing in the Territory:

- *Racing Act 1999* – Repeal Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc as a controlling body
 - Consequential amendments to remove greyhound racing from the Racing Act and associated regulations.
- *Totalisator Act 2014* – will require amendment if betting on greyhound races is not to be permitted as a betting product within the ACT:
 - amend dictionary definition of ‘race’ to remove greyhound racing
 - amend *Totalisator Rules 2015 (No 1) Notifiable Instrument NI2015-482* (see Attachment A)
 - *Note:* TABCorp – would need to amend their Betting Rules to also remove references to greyhound racing.
- *Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001*
 - amend *Race and Sports Bookmaking (Rules for Sports Bookmaking) Determination 2015 (No 2) – DI2015-105*

Timing

The following options are proposed to progress the legislative amendments.

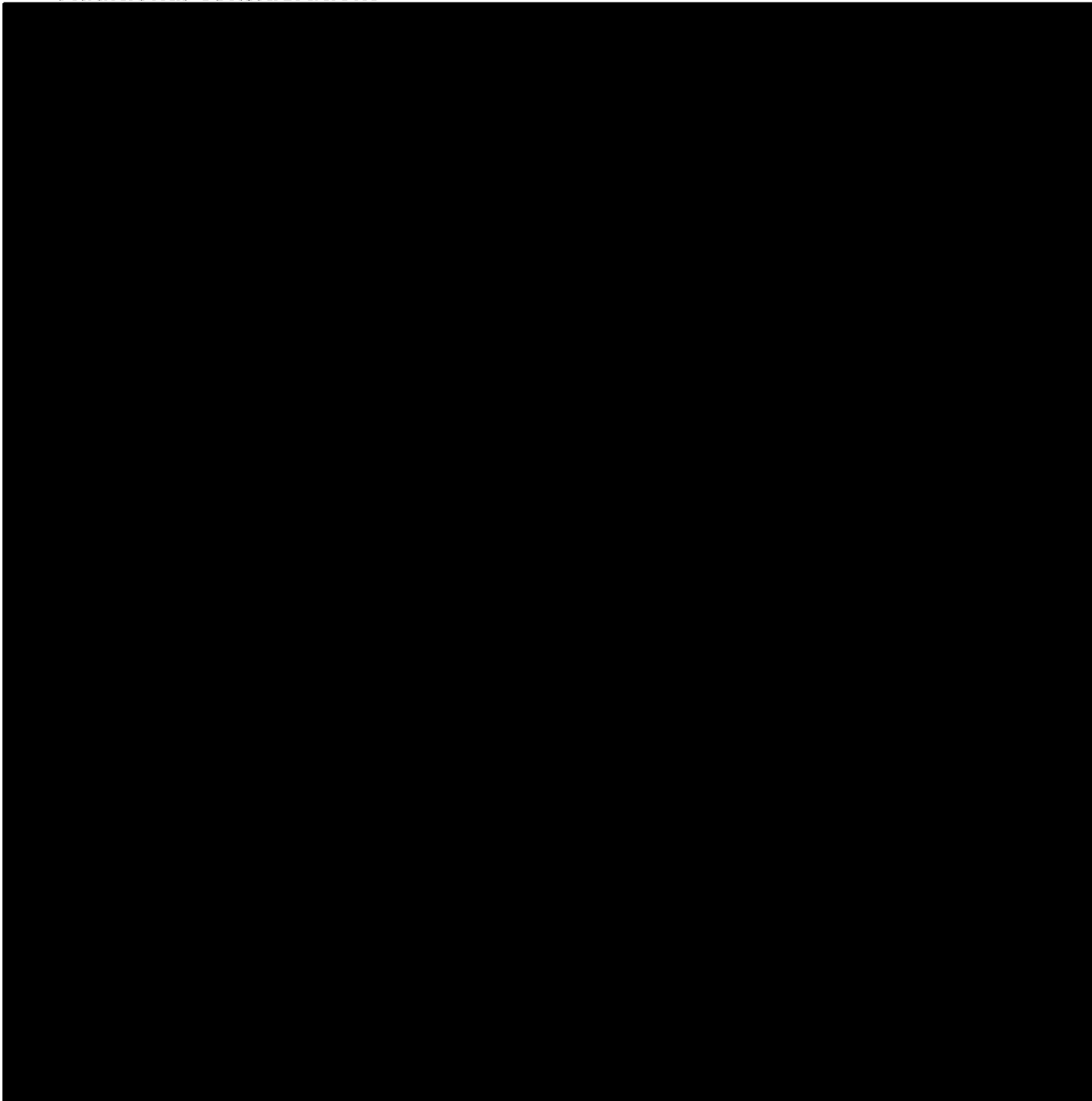
Option 1 (Cease in line with MoU expiry):

- Amendments to the Racing Act and Totalisator Act could be drafted and brought forward for consideration by Cabinet following the ACT election.
- Amendments could be introduced to the Assembly with a delayed commencement date (in line with the expiry of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ACT Racing Industry on 30 June 2017).

Note: Consideration should be given to the transitional timing that NSW is implementing.

Option 2 (Cease prior to the expiry of MoU):

- Amendments to the Racing Act and Totalisator Act could be drafted and brought forward for consideration by Cabinet following the ACT election with introduction in the Legislative Assembly in February (noting that introduction in the Legislative Assembly December may not be achievable as Cabinet / Assembly may not sit and Assembly does not sit in January).
- Early commencement of the legislation would have implications to the MoU – legal advice would need to be sought on possible risk for compensation..

Additional Considerations

Site of the Greyhound Track

- The site of the greyhound track (Jerrabomberra block 1255 or SYMONSTON: Block 2, Section 107) is leased to the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc on a 50 year lease which is due to expire on 22 November 2027.
- The land is 10.98 hectares (109,853m²) and is located on the corner of Jerrabomberra Avenue and Narrabundah Lane (behind the Geoscience building)
- The lease purpose of this land is for:
 - *"a greyhound racecourse and ancillary facilities and subsidiary thereto a sportsground"*

Public & Industry Reaction

- RSPCA
 - The RSPCA have come out publically and praised this decision, both in the ACT and NSW
- Canberra Greyhound Racing Club (CGRC)
 - The CGRC have publically stated they will *"fight [the ACT government] hard"* and they are *"not going to lay down and cop"* the decision to ban their sport, making moves to hire high-powered lawyers. (*Canberra Times 11 July 2016*)
 - The Canberra Greyhounds board met on Friday night and decided *"unanimously"* to fight the ban, which will come into effect mid next year, and they'll join their NSW brothers at protests in Sydney this week. (*Canberra Times 11 July 2016*)
 - They are also trying to gather support from the horse racing and equestrian communities, stating those industries will be next to be targeted for banning.
- ACT Public
 - Based on media responses by the public, generally it appears the ACT Public are supportive of a decision to ban greyhound racing in the Territory.
 - There is a pocket of the community that have an interest in the greyhound industry (owners, trainers, breeders, punters) and have been vocal about retaining greyhound racing in the Territory (and in NSW).

ACT Government Grants

- The ACT Government provides over \$8 million per annum to the racing industry with around \$1 million of this going to the running of the greyhounds (a further \$1 million to harness racing and the remaining \$6 million to thoroughbred horse racing)

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club

- The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has been operating in the ACT for 36 years.
- The Club has around 200 members and conducts trials twice a week, with the club hosting at least 44 race meets per year. Local races are broadcast weekly on Sky1 or Sky2 racing channels.
- The Club employs 2 full time employees and 20 casuals, plus several contractors (eg Veterinarian's). The Club's annual wages are in excess of \$250,000.
- The Canberra Times reported that "the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club began its dogged fight for survival with the first meeting in the ACT or NSW since the ban was announced on Thursday.

Subzero Izmir won the first race of the 12-race meet, having made the trip across the border from Cootamundra, in front of a crowd of about 100 people on Sunday."
(Canberra Times 11 July 2016)

Regulation of ACT Greyhound Racing Industry

- The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club, under the auspices of Greyhounds Australasia, is responsible for the conduct of greyhound racing, the registration of owners and trainers and the control of race day activities under their Rules of Racing.
- In controlling greyhound racing in the ACT, the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has a reciprocal arrangement with Greyhound Racing NSW to licence all ACT trainers and to investigate matters relevant to ACT racing. Without NSW support, regulating this industry would be extremely difficult to manage.
- The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has responsibilities under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to conduct its operations professionally and within the Territory's laws.

Greyhound Racing Statistics

- Attachment A provides some statistics on greyhound racing in Australasia (Source: <http://www.galtd.org.au/industry/australasian-statistics>). The following should be noted when reading these statistics:
 - **Licences** - all greyhound licences for ACT residents are managed by NSW. Prior to 2010 there were between 150 and 200 licensed persons in the ACT
 - **Owners** - prior to 2009 there were between 40 and 50 owners in the ACT. In 2009 the statistics show there were 168 – unsure if this is an error)
 - **Trainers** – there are around 20 local trainers in the ACT. Prior to 2010 there were between 20 and 30 trainers
 - **Owner/trainers** - prior to 2009 there were between 70 and 80 owner/trainers in the ACT. In 2009 and 2010 there were 18

Greyhound Breeders in the ACT

Greyhound Racing NSW advised the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club in November 2015 that there were 3 registered breeders located in the ACT.

- Conder ACT - Has no kennels and only 1 retired greyhound kept in the house as a pet
- Calwell ACT - Compliant - Kennel setup excellent, immaculate cleanliness, Very Good records kept, Has one pet greyhound at time of inspection
- Melba ACT - Breeder licence approved in October 2015 - No ACT inspection as kennels are in Wedderburn NSW - kennel inspection completed in February 2015 and all compliant

Bookmakers

Whilst any Race Bookmaker licensed in the ACT can attend any race meet at any of the Thoroughbreds, Harness or Greyhounds only one ever attends the Greyhounds (details provided).

Other Jurisdictional Positions

- NSW – banning greyhound racing from 1 July 2017
 - Will be allowing clubs to keep the property to use for other purposes
 - The NSW opposition have stated they will fight against the banning of greyhound racing
- ACT – will look to follow NSW (noting that the current MOU with the racing clubs expires on 30 June 2017)
- Victoria – has no plans to follow NSW to ban greyhound racing. They have stated they will continue the clean-up of the sport, after three investigations into the sport in Victoria.
- Tasmania – will not automatically follow NSW (& the ACT) but will consider the findings of a Parliamentary Committee report into the Tasmanian greyhound industry
- South Australia – has no plans to follow NSW to ban greyhound racing. They believe the industry in SA is a good one
- Queensland – has no plans to follow NSW to ban greyhound racing. The sport will continue but with “continued vigilance on animal welfare”.
- Western Australia – will “digest and any implications specific to WA would be considered in due course”
- NT – their position is currently unknown

Australasian Greyhound Racing Statistics

Source: <http://www.galtd.org.au/industry/australasian-statistics>

Number of Meetings

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	44	1,253	452	50	349	157	1,089	565	309	4,268
2014	44	1,282	447	51	351	157	1,059	574	309	4,321
2013	44	1,298	426	50	352	158	1,002	542	307	4,192
2012	44	1,333	425	53	318	160	931	526	296	4,086
2011	44	1,380	406	51	321	154	933	488	288	4,068
2010	43	1,384	368	51	322	157	869	544	285	4,065

Number of Races Held

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	484	12,422	5,396	293	3,683	1,615	13,494	5,360	3,627	46,374
2014	484	13,150	5,381	306	3,646	1,601	12,578	5,467	3,582	46,195
2013	440	13,225	5,288	282	3,964	1,636	11,771	5,128	3,650	45,384
2012	440	13,916	5,024	312	3,973	1,662	10,752	4,993	3,558	44,630
2011	422	14,209	4,879	255	3,284	1,547	10,607	4,567	3,489	43,259
2010	387	14,231	4,204	311	3,213	1,568	9,994	5,152	3,472	42,532

Number of Starters

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	3,850	94,222	42,628	2,122	28,414	12,477	100,241	41,467	27,728	353,149
2014	3,754	95,732	42,358	2,227	28,435	12,417	97,605	49,977	27,605	360,110
2013	3,684	101,659	41,310	1,653	20,425	12,756	90,990	38,751	28,255	339,756
2012	3,455	106,155	39,221	2,150	19,499	12,933	83,758	37,768	27,717	332,656
2011	2,954	107,276	37,822	1,653	24,857	12,057	82,735	33,775	27,291	330,429
2010	2,780	106,577	33,625	2,103	24,285	12,208	78,950	37,861	27,179	323,575

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	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	764.9	23,030.6	TBA	290.4	6,743.0	3,818.2	41,814.8	13,002.5	11,561.6	TBA
2014	724.1	23,237.0	11,528.5	326.8	6,197.0	3,792.4	41,767.0	5,273.5	11,380.3	104,226
2013	549.1	22,604.3	10,444.3	264.7	5,756.3	3,967.7	37,764.4	10,358.0	9,871.1	101,580
2012	468.4	22,468.4	9,102.3	297.6	5,503.0	3,751.5	30,384.0	9,499.1	8,837.4	90,312
2011	424.0	22,210.5	8,727.5	217.7	4,810.0	3,248.7	26,904.0	7,767.1	8,464.4	82,774
2010	344.0	20,939.3	9,100.0	194.0	4,361.0	3,116.2	25,450.0	7,715.6	8,684.8	79,905

Number of Clubs

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	1	34	11	1	6	3	13	7	3	79
2014	1	34	11	1	6	3	13	7	3	79
2013	1	34	10	1	6	3	13	7	3	78
2012	1	35	10	1	8	3	13	7	3	81
2011	1	35	10	1	8	3	13	7	3	81
2010	1	35	10	1	9	3	13	7	3	82

Licensed Persons (Total)

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	N/A	6,268	TBA	74	1,620	681	14,199	TBA	2,460	TBA
2014	N/A	8,017	1,370	149	1,749	637	11,800	4,147	2,663	N/A
2013	N/A	4,129	1,107	68	1,797	645	12,256	5,781	2,440	N/A
2012	N/A	4,841	1,191	61	1,850	584	13,151	5,354	2,112	N/A
2011	N/A	5,267	872	59	1,842	546	14,625	5,099	2,343	N/A
2010	N/A	N/A	1,409	65	1,901	534	14,513	4,991	1,919	N/A

Owners (includes syndicates)

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	N/A	5,952	664	35	1,262	301	10,810	2,752	2,100	23,876
2014	N/A	7,623	925	97	1,385	267	9,840	2,905	2,276	N/A
2013	N/A	N/A	653	40	1,313	291	8,980	3,853	2,014	N/A
2012	N/A	N/A	717	37	1,654	258	10,236	3,689	1,707	N/A
2011	N/A	N/A	486	37	1,442	289	10,824	3,340	2,011	N/A
2010	N/A	N/A	821	43	1,492	267	10,780	2,995	1,605	N/A

Trainers

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	N/A	1,470	70	14	206	140	2,604	TBA	76	TBA
2014	N/A	1,419	78	17	214	135	2,763	490	82	5,316
2013	N/A	1,432	89	14	200	133	2,772	524	84	5,248
2012	N/A	1,589	84	12	218	128	2,273	553	83	4,940
2011	N/A	1,595	75	12	216	126	2,962	1,073	86	6,145
2010	N/A	1,553	70	12	210	129	2,970	1,143	86	6,173

Owner/Trainers

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	N/A	1,846	161	11	151	70	incl in trainers	TBA	169	TBA
2014	N/A	1,744	172	16	148	80	incl in trainers	381	182	N/A
2013	N/A	2,082	183	incl in owners	149	79	incl in trainers	435	188	N/A
2012	N/A	1,755	198	incl in owners	172	78	incl in trainers	477	181	N/A
2011	N/A	2,330	173	incl in owners	171	77	incl in trainers	N/A	211	N/A
2010	18	2,329	296	incl in owners	184	69	incl in trainers	N/A	207	3,085

Attendants

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	9	1,098	TBA	14	1	39	638	TBA	115	TBA
2014	10	1,004	195	19	2	137	412	371	123	2,273
2013	11	1,170	186	14	3	151	594	438	154	2,721
2012	12	942	186	12	13	139	642	496	141	2,583
2011	10	1,342	138	10	13	42	839	506	35	2,925
2010	10	1,233	222	10	15	45	763	647	21	2,956

Greyhounds Named

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	0	5,645	608	0	375	307	3,691	1,265	449	12,340
2014	0	5,317	747	0	408	300	3,661	1,533	424	12,390
2013	0	6,141	638	0	360	340	4,553	1,362	438	13,832
2012	0	5,689	472	0	380	341	3,888	1,603	401	12,774
2011	0	5,491	480	0	349	289	3,820	1,451	400	12,280
2010	0	6,595	1,100	0	415	241	3,665	1,564	374	13,954

Litters Registered

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	0	1,232	137	3	105	93	1,029	426	118	3,143
2014	0	1,248	142	1	94	112	952	474	86	3,109
2013	0	1,069	146	0	99	80	1,003	354	100	2,851
2012	0	1,148	158	0	91	94	937	312	80	2,820
2011	0	1,276	136	0	89	87	994	350	91	3,023
2010	0	1,306	146	0	90	82	1,083	369	117	3,193

Maclean, Natalie

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Sent: Tuesday, 12 July 2016 12:15 PM
To: hannamb@ccfa.com.au
Cc: Maclean, Natalie
Subject: FW: Greyhound racing - brief [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Jess as discussed here is the request for info about what NSW are doing.

From: Goth, Kathy
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To: Pirani, Yuka; Monger, Brett
Cc: MACC; Wilson, Chris; McDonald, Helen; Snowden, David
Subject: RE: Greyhound racing - brief [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

OK will do

From: Pirani, Yuka
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To: Goth, Kathy; Monger, Brett
Cc: MACC; Wilson, Chris; McDonald, Helen; Snowden, David
Subject: RE: Greyhound racing - brief [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Kathy and Brett

I just had a call from Sam Engele. [REDACTED] would you be able to add the following in the brief:

- [REDACTED]
- Any legislation changes required in ACT to wind down/ban greyhound racing
- Detail/timeframe of winding down in ACT/NSW
- Advice on how we can re-direct the future funding to re-homing of greyhounds (Treasury needs to be consulted)

[REDACTED]

Yuka

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Thank you Kathy.
 Yuka

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Thanks Yuka

I just called Micheil and obtained useful information about NSW considerations for the 15 crown leases and also the options for consideration of transitioning the dogs as the industry ceases.

NSW are expecting to make further announcements on Wednesday or Thursday which will also be useful for our briefs.

Regards

Kathy

From: Pirani, Yuka
Sent: Monday, 11 July 2016 4:19 PM
To: Goth, Kathy; Monger, Brett
Cc: MACC; Wilson, Chris; McDonald, Helen
Subject: RE: Greyhound racing [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi Kathy

The contact person in NSW Government is Mr Micheil Brodie at Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority. He can be contacted at micheil.brodie@ilga.nsw.gov.au or 0418 598 450.

He is expecting a call from David but given his busy schedule he asked if you could contact him.

Would you be able to get in touch with him on David's behalf today?

Thanks
Yuka

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Thank you Kathy
I will let you know when I hear back from Andrew.
Yuka

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Hi Yuka

It would be good to get a NSW contact thank you.

We're on the case and should have briefs for DD to clear by COB Thursday – we are seeking GSO advice now so will be beholden to them however.

Regards

Kathy

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Hi Kathy and Brett



The premier of NSW also spoke with the CM about this matter on the weekend and we have been advised that Andrew Cappie-Wood is the contact. Have you had any liaison with NSW department on this matter? If you haven't established contact, I will contact Andrew for a contact officer's detail.

Please let me know if you require anything further and let me know when the brief is likely to be ready.

Regards,
Yuka

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Subject: [REDACTED]

Attachments: CM Weekly Brief Template 2016.dot

Helen

Please find the information for the weekly briefing template as promised.

Thanks everyone for your hard work on this it has meant we can provide a really good summary.

Regards

Kathy

On Thursday, 7 July 2016 the NSW Government announce that the Greyhound Racing Industry will be shut down from 1 July 2017. The decision by the NSW Government followed the presentation of the findings of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the NSW Greyhound Racing Industry.

The Chief Minister announced on the same day the he agrees with the decision of the NSW government, and that there is no future for this industry in the ACT

- There are only a small amount of greyhound owners in the ACT (less than 100 compared to over 6,000 in NSW).
- Most races are attended by NSW based owners, trainers and bookmakers.
- The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club employs 2 full time employees and 20 casuals, plus several contractors (eg Veterinarian's).

The key issues being investigated are:

Timeframe

The Government has committed to honour the existing MOU with the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club which expires on 30 June 2017.

- Therefore it would be feasible for the ACT to ban the industry from 1 July 2017 in line with NSW

Legal Challenge

The NSW greyhounding industry has announced that it will mount a legal challenge to this decision. The basis of the challenge is not clear at this stage.

- It should be noted that the NSW Government has the legislative authority to cease an industry which it regulates, and that the NSW decision would have been based on legal advice.

Treatment of Dogs

EDD has received a number of letters supporting the cessation of greyhound racing in the ACT, a number also enquire about how the welfare of the dogs will be guaranteed into the future.

The ACT will work through these issues with appropriate stakeholders and likely to align initiatives with NSW policies and procedures.

- NSW are working closely with the RSPCA to transfer dogs to other jurisdictions or "re-home". In cases where that is not possible they will ensure that the dogs are euthanased humanely.

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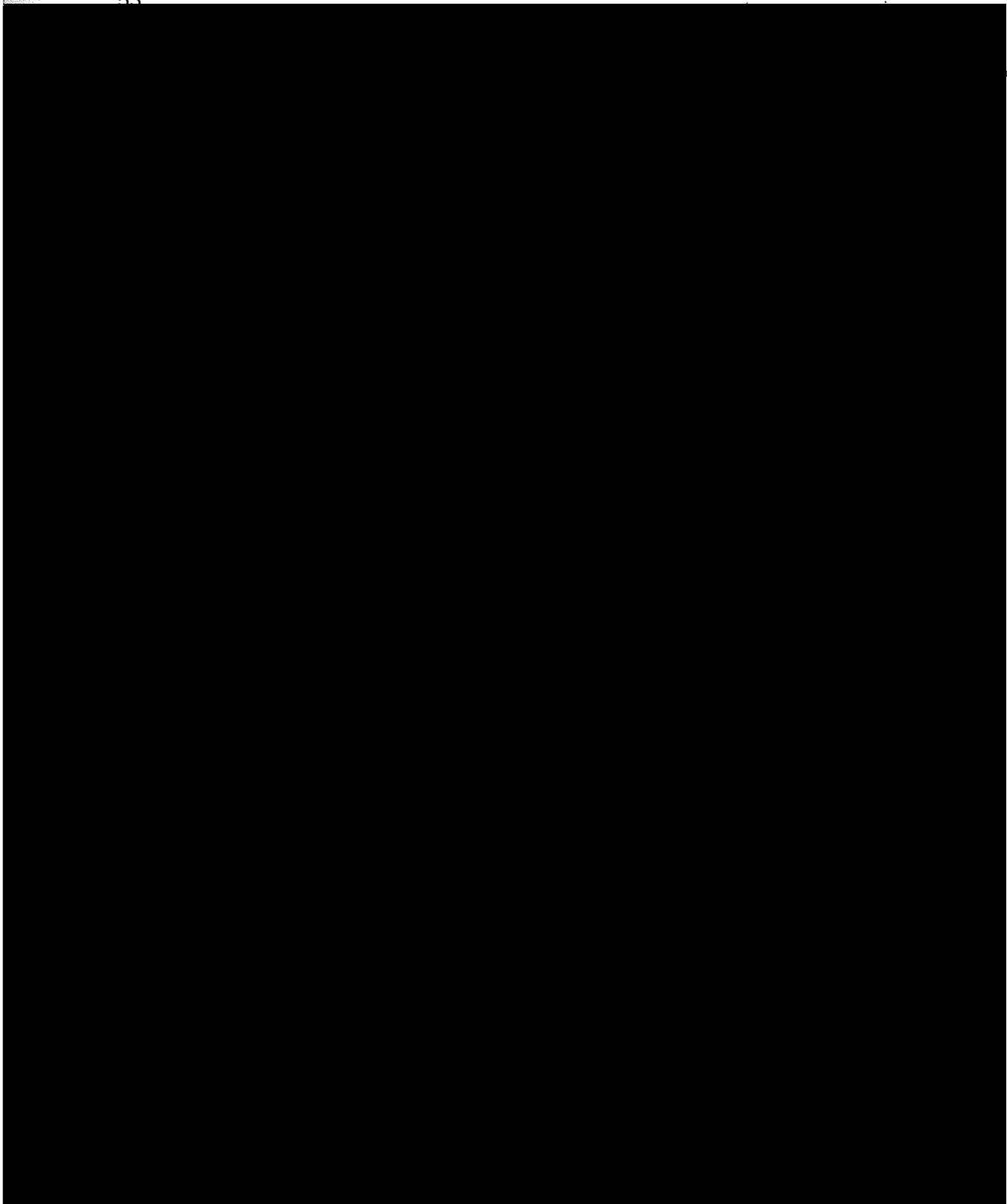
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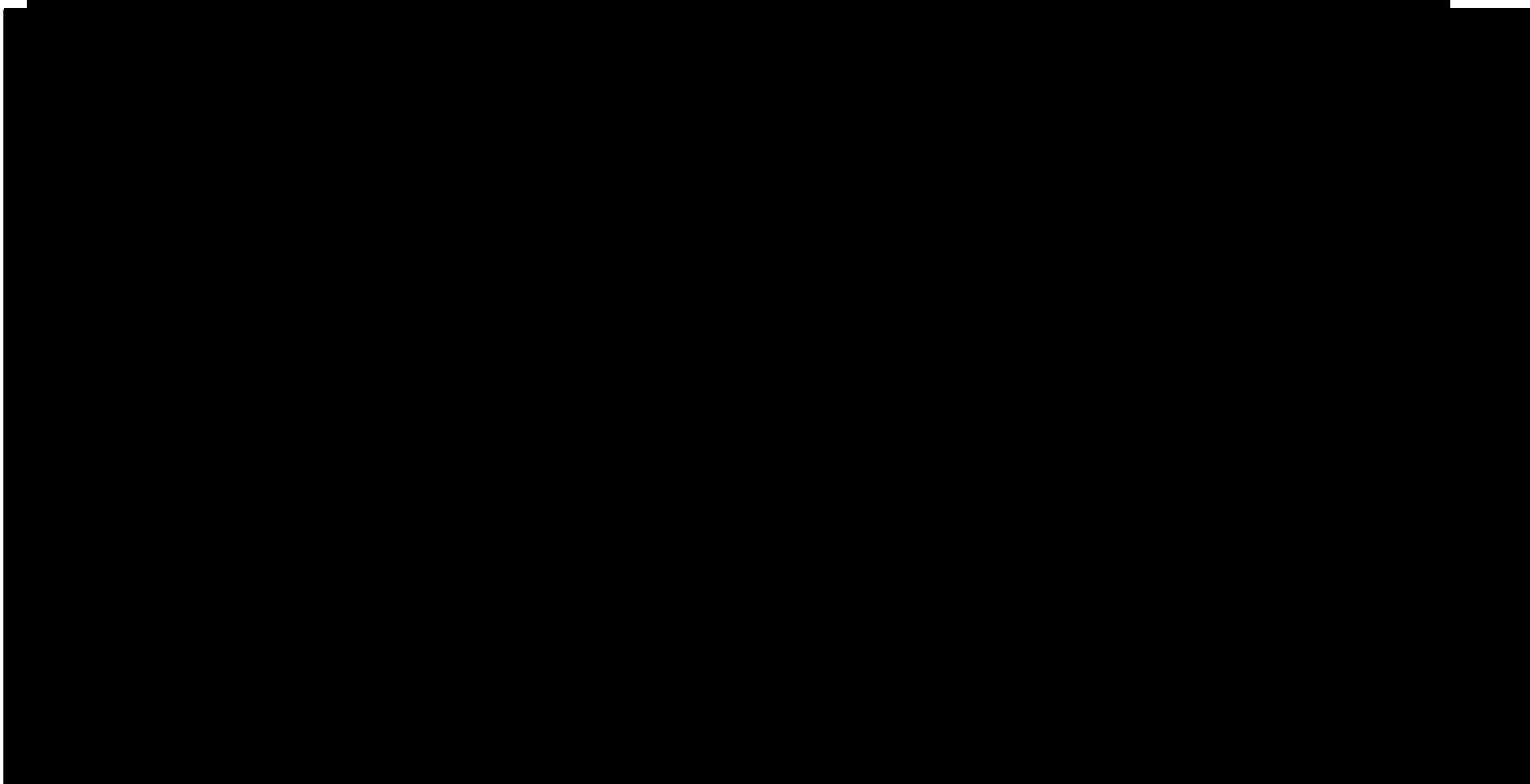
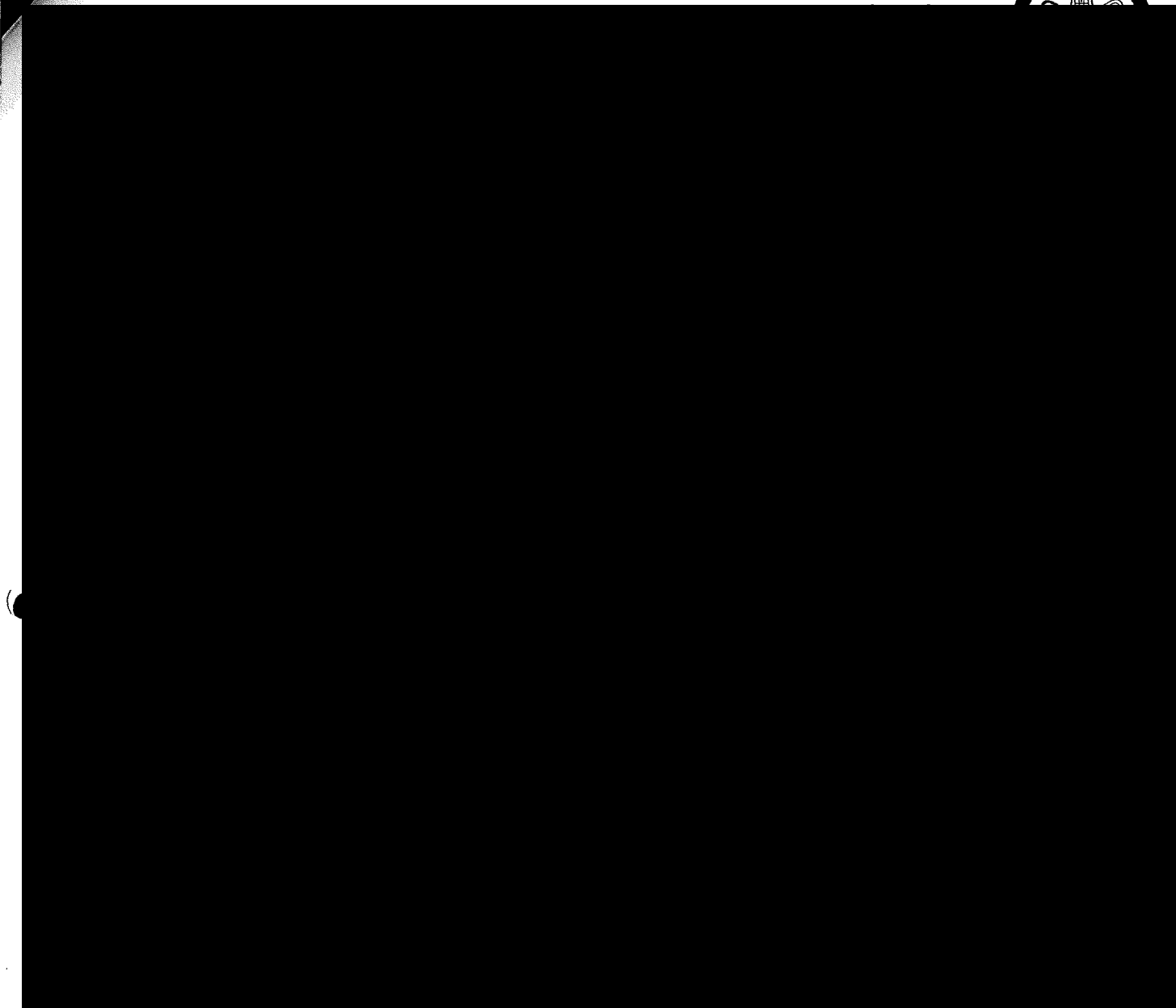
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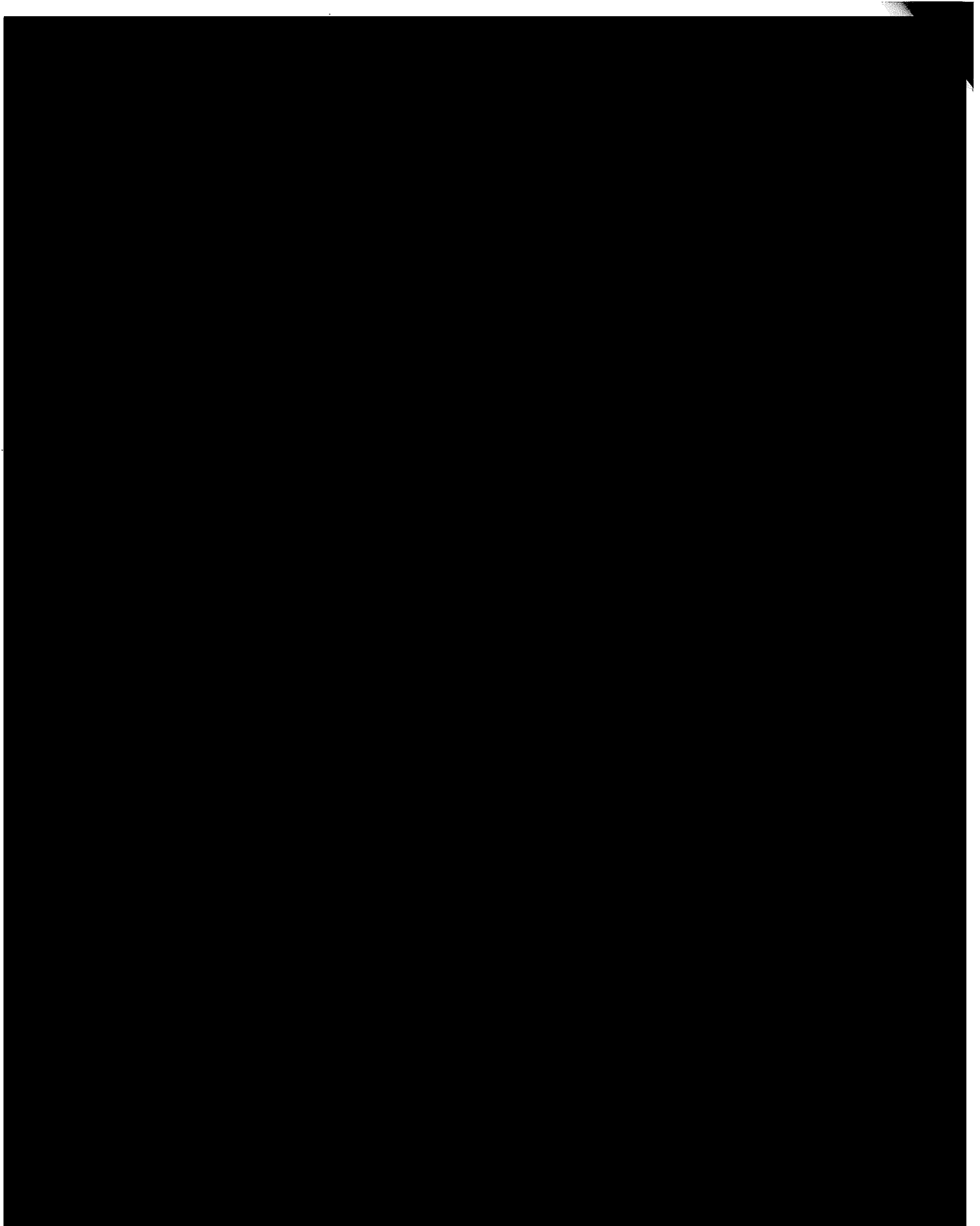
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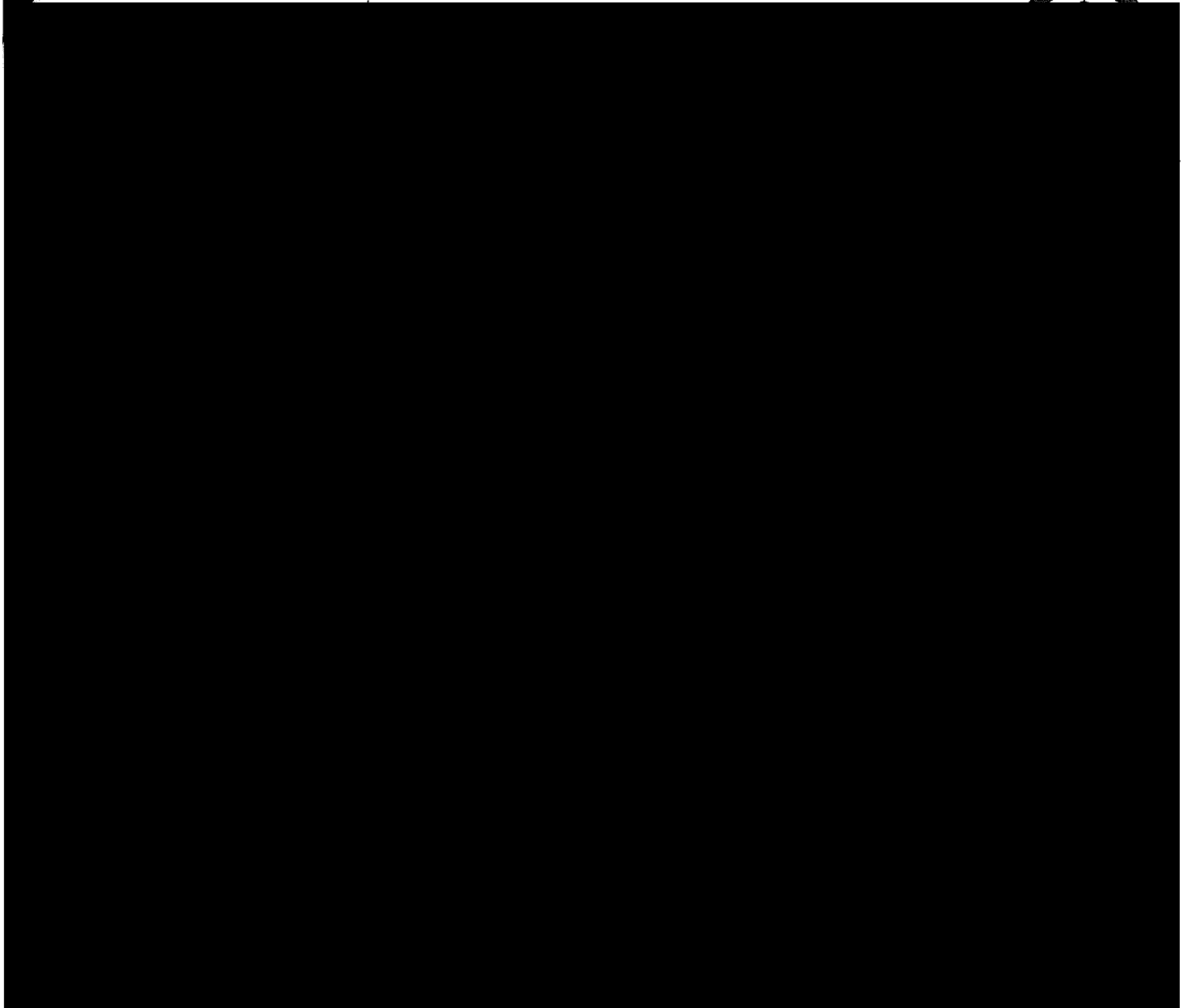
This is a reminder that your input is being sought for the CM's and portfolio Ministers' weekly briefs. Input is due 2.00pm Today.











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Section 6 – Certain agencies are exempt – ACT Government Solicitor

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Maclean, Natalie

From: Lignieres, Christian
Sent: Thursday, 14 July 2016 9:51 AM
To: Maclean, Natalie; Liddicoat, Phil
Cc: Curtin, Daniel; Monger, Brett; Hanigan, Jessica; Persic, Drazen
Subject: FW: Canberra Greyhound Racing Club information [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED, DLM=Sensitive]
Attachments: AGM Report 2014.pdf, CGRC 2015 Annual Report Signed.pdf

Hi Natalie

I have attached the annual reports for financial years ending September 2014 and 2015.

[REDACTED] has also clarified some of the information she previously provided in relation to membership.

The CGRC has 400 participants in the ACT but the club has 148 members.

Regards

Christian

From: Lignieres, Christian
Sent: Tuesday, 12 July 2016 10:37 AM
To: Maclean, Natalie; Persic, Drazen
Cc: Curtin, Daniel; Hanigan, Jessica; Monger, Brett
Subject: RE: Canberra Greyhound Racing Club information [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED, DLM=Sensitive]

Hi Natalie

In response to your questions:

- How many members are with the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club;

There are about 200 Canberra Greyhound Racing Club members, as well as about 20 greyhound trainers locally.

- Some financials of the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club (eg turnover, finances etc);

I have requested copies of the club's annual reports for the previous 2 years. Whilst these may not provide up to date information, as their financial year ends 30 September, the Racing Act only requires them to provide the same information to the Commission as is provided to their members therefore will be the most current available.

I will forward these to you when they are received.

- How many trainers, breeders etc are from the ACT;

Following a request from the Commission in November 2015 the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club checked with GRNSW and identified 3 registered breeders located in the ACT.

- The 3 breeders are below with details of the last kennel inspection.

- Licence details including addresses of the Bookmakers involved in the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club;

Whilst any Race Bookmaker licensed in the ACT can attend any race meet at either the Thoroughbreds, Harness or Greyhounds only one ever attends the Greyhounds.



Regards

Christian

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From: Maclean, Natalie
Sent: Monday, 11 July 2016 12:22 PM
To: Lignieres, Christian; Persic, Drazen
Cc: Curtin, Daniel; Hanigan, Jessica; Monger, Brett
Subject: RE: Canberra Greyhound Racing Club information [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED, DLM=Sensitive]

Hi Draz and Christian,

Further to my email this morning to Dan (as below) requesting information on the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club can I also please request the following information:

- Licence details including addresses of the Bookmakers involved in the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club;
- And if you don't have that information a contact person within the NSW regulatory body which may be able to assist?

Thanks
Natalie

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From: Curtin, Daniel
Sent: Monday, 11 July 2016 12:10 PM
To: Maclean, Natalie
Cc: Lignieres, Christian; Persic, Drazen
Subject: RE: Canberra Greyhound Racing Club information [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED, DLM=Sensitive]

Hi Natalie,

I have allocated this to Draz Persic and Christian Lignieres to follow up for you.

Thx

Dan

From: Maclean, Natalie
Sent: Monday, 11 July 2016 11:04 AM
To: Curtin, Daniel
Cc: Hanigan, Jessica
Subject: Canberra Greyhound Racing Club information [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED, DLM=Sensitive]

Hi Dan,

As discussed I work in the Racing and Gaming Policy section in Economic Development and we are collating and researching information that the ACT Government may have in relation to the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club, in particular the following:

- How many members are with the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club
- Some financials of the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club (eg turnover, finances etc)
- How many trainers, breeders etc are from the ACT

If you could please provide me with any information you have in relation to the above points as soon as you can, that would be greatly appreciated.

Cheers
Natalie

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Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc

2014 Annual General Meeting



CANBERRA GREYHOUND RACING CLUB INC

Friday 5th December 2014

A.G.M Report

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc.

PO Box 647
FYSHWICK ACT 2609

~ Board of Management ~

Mr Ashley Dwyer, Chairman

Messrs. John Thorpe, Justin Thorpe, Leon Jakobasic, Garry Collier,
Garry Harriden, Ron Peck

~ Executive ~

Messrs. Ashley Dwyer, John Thorpe

~ Auditor ~

John Beard Registered Company Auditor
John Beard Audit Services
22 Hensman Ave
LATHAM ACT 2615

~ Accountant ~

Marc Wilson
Benchmarc Group

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~ Secretary ~

Mrs Debbie Collier

Annual General Meeting
Friday, December 5, 2014

CANBERRA GREYHOUND RACING CLUB – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 2013 -2014

On behalf of the Board I am pleased to advise member’s that the Club has performed well over the last year. Financially the Club’s net profit was **\$18,180**.

At the beginning of the year, The Board set a break even budget, after budgeting substantial increases in the prize money distribution to participants. The result was that total prize money paid to participants was **\$724,165** (up from \$559,650 last year.)

The Club fixed assets and current assets (mostly term deposits at the bank) have grown. Total assets are now **\$2,561,126**, placing the Club in a very healthy and sound position leading into the new season.

Club asset improvement for track and surrounds included the Stereline safety rail for the race track which has increased the safety and welfare of the greyhounds in races and trials as well as seeing less race field scrimmage.

On the income side the main income source continues to be funding from ACT Government adjusted by CPI increase (**\$ 989,313 pa**) up slightly on previous year; and Race Fields Legislation income (**\$463,989 pa**) up significantly on previous year (\$407,445).

On the expenses side the most significant increase was via increase in Prize-money (**\$724,165 pa**), up from the \$559,650 paid the previous year . This also sees total Prize money paid having doubled (increased by \$379,515 over the last 4 year period) of this current Board of Management.

Given the facility and track improvements made in previous years, Prize money distribution to participants was the major focus for the Board. This provides a reasonable and sustainable return to owners and trainers.

Prize money at Canberra TAB C meetings is also substantially higher than NSW TAB C prize money levels. The Board also adopted a distribution model based on the New Zealand experience of paying first, second and third prize money, on a 60 / 25 / 15 % split of the race purse. This ensures all participants receive a fair share of prize money, whether the greyhound runs unplaced, wins, or runs a placing.

The Club also ran 11 races instead of 10 where excess nominations allow, and pay \$50 trainer fee to all starters. All these actions help Canberra compete for nominations with surrounding NSW race tracks and try to have a competitive advantage to attract and retain both local and travelling trainers.

The main strategic focus of the Board for 2013-14 was engaging with Government and the other two codes to progress the recommendations of the ACT Review of Racing, specifically in relation to a Co located racing facility. A final report of the cost / benefit feasibility options of Co-Location is now with ACT Government for consideration.

CANBERRA GREYHOUND RACING CLUB – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 2013 -2014

Also the Government announced the sale of ACTTAB to TABCORP. The sale was an outright sale, with 50 year licence, for \$105.5 million to Government, with \$1 million pa also paid by TABCORP to Government. This was not the sale option put to Government by the three ACT racing codes. The racing codes recommended a sale with direct funding by the successful body (TABCORP) direct to the local racing industry.

ACT Government pays each local racing code from the ACT budget funds. There is surety of ACT Budget funding to the ACT racing industry for the next 4 years. The respective racing codes are working with ACT Government to obtain a greater level of assurance as to Government Budget funding to the local racing industry continuing into the future .

While conversations with the Minister and Government are positive at present , there is a high risk to the on going future of each ACT racing code if ACT Budget funding decreased, or ceased.

On the upside, TABCORP will increase the TAB support to the local racing industry via promotions; community sponsorship ; facility upgrades; better technology and a review of the Sky racing schedule (ie Sky 1 / Sky 2 coverage) . The TABCORP relationship with the local racing industry is good. They clearly understand the difference it makes to Canberra in terms of Sky 1 coverage wagering turnover, (and financial returns to the Club via Race Fields Income) as compared to race meeting covered by Sky Racing 2. .

Sky Racing also provided on course interviews, and event MC via Dave Carlson for this year’s GROUP 3 Canberra Cup on Sky 1, won by My Bro Fabio after a track record in his heat win. This coverage boosts the profile of that Group race, Canberra as the Nation’s capital and wagering turnover. .

The Club can also be proud this year to have helped a club member with a disability. This was by way of Club fundraising efforts that enabled the Club to raise enough money to gift him a disability equipped car. This car has made a huge difference in his life socially , family and work. . It also reflects well on the Club in the eyes of Government and the community for what all Clubs can do to help others not as fortunate in life as most . Feed back is that members enjoyed the Sportsperson lunch; sports auction and Pub Challenge fundraising in particular.

The Board of Management is presently working on a new 5 year Strategic Plan for the Club, building on the achievements of previous years and considering the opportunities and risks the future holds . A draft will be available for consultation shortly.

I wish to thank the Board and employees for their contribution to the Club throughout the year. I encourage all members to be interested, active and supportive of your Club into the New Year.

Ashley Dwyer,
Chairman, CGRC



Secretary's Report – 2013-2014

Staffing

Staffing has remained consistent with all positions having succession plans. Kennels staff training by GRNSW, with all kennel staff receiving certificate qualifications.

Administration

Creation of CGRC Facebook account
Eftpos Machine now available
OzChase plus GRNSW Calendar Access

Repairs and Maintenance

46,000Lt Tank connected to existing bore water tank
New Security DVR in kennels
New Kennel Scanner purchase
ACTTAB Shed returned to CGRC
PA System has been upgraded with new speakers and Amps
New Big Gate Padding
Trials Management Software purchased and trials are now put on website
New clutch put into Tractor
Electricity connected to old ACTTAB Shed
New window installed in the bar
Kennel bases and sides replaced
Trial kennels painted
Boxes painted
New numbers on the 310m boxes
Benches and bins painted
Empty Out Yards supplied by sponsor Petpanels

Purchasing Policy

We have instigated a purchasing policy, with delegations of authority, preferred supplies, contracted suppliers and guiding principles.

Supporting the Community

CGRC has again offered our support with Hartley Lifecare Cycle Challenge using our grounds this year for their annual fundraiser.

Debbie Collier

CGRC Secretary

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc.

Financial Statements and Reports

**For the year ended 30
September 2014**

**John Beard - Registered Company Auditor
Certified Trust Account Examiner**

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The Chairman
Mr Ashley Dwyer
Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc
Cnr Jerrabomberra Ave & Narrabundah Ln
SYMONSTON ACT 2609

Dear Ashley,

**Independent Audit report to the Members of The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club
Incorporated for the year ended 30th September 2014**

Scope

I have audited the attached financial statements of the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Incorporated "the Association" for the year ended 30th September 2014. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Association.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements of the Association are properly drawn up:

So as to give a true and fair view of matters required by subsection 72(2) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 to be dealt with in the financial statements.


In accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991; and

In accordance with proper accounting standards, being Applicable Accounting Standards:

I have obtained all the information and explanations required;

Proper accounting records have been kept by the Association as required by the Act; and

The audit was conducted in accordance with the rules of the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Incorporated.



John Beard
22nd November 2014

**John Beard - Registered Company Auditor 15775
Certified Trust Account Examiner**

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Incorporated
CERTIFICATE FROM THE COMMITTEE

We hereby state that as the date of this report the committee members of the association are as follows:

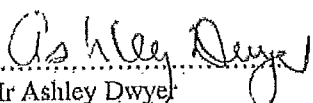
Ashley Dwyer [Chairman]
 John Thorpe
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The principle activity of the Club during the year was Greyhound Racing and there was no change to this activity at any time during the financial year. In 2013/2014 financial year the club conducted 44 race meetings compared to 44 in the previous year.

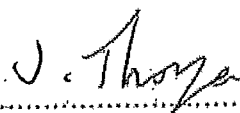
The net operating surplus (before depreciation of \$72,197) of the Association was \$90,377 and a surplus of \$18,180 after depreciation. This compares to a net operating surplus (before depreciation of \$72,120) of the Association (for the prior year) of \$193,312 and \$121,192 after depreciation.

In our opinion, the attached financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial position of the association as at 30th September 2014, and the results of its operation and cash flow for the year ended on that date.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for on behalf of the Committee by:



 Mr Ashley Dwyer
 Chairman



 Mr John Thorpe
 Jnr Vice Chairman

Signed at Canberra on 25th November 2014

Annual Report

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc

30 September 2014

Prepared by Benchmarc Financial Group Pty Ltd

Compilation Report

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc For the year ended 30 September 2014

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc as a Non-reporting Company, which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 September 2014, the profit and loss, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is to provide information relating to the performance and financial position of the trust that satisfies the information needs of the Directors of the Company and of the Shareholders.

1. Directors' Responsibility

The Directors of the Company are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements and have determined that the basis of accounting adopted is appropriate to meet their needs.

2. Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the Directors of the Company, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting adopted and APES 915: Compilation of Financial Information. Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the Directors of the Company provided, in compiling the financial statements. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the Directors of the Company. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

Benchmark Financial Group Pty Ltd
Unit 3, 41-43 Colbee Court,
Phillip, ACT 2606

Marc Wilson

Balance Sheet

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc For the year ended 30 September 2014

Assets	30-Sep-14	30-Sep-13
Current Assets		
General Cheque Account	84,582	11,586
Cash on Hand	1,892	1,892
Debit Card Account	1,611	2,892
NAB Business Cash Maximiser	60,727	98,294
NAB Term Deposit	380,854	660,000
Term Deposit 2	350,000	-
Sundry Debtors	58,353	140,208
Accrued Income	-	3,925
Prepayments	23,132	24,798
Interest Receivable	12,630	5,486
Stock on Hand - Bar	5,907	4,180
Total Current Assets	979,688	953,261
Fixed Assets		
Lease Hold Land & Building - at Cost	2,277,043	2,267,819
Less: Accum Depreciation	(920,664)	(882,027)
Plant & Equipment - at Cost	727,236	686,621
Less: Accum Depreciation	(502,177)	(468,616)
Total Fixed Assets	1,581,437	1,603,797
Total Assets	2,561,126	2,557,058
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
NAB VISA Card	(4,053)	(937)
Trade Creditors	68,741	32,151
Accrued Expenses	1,300	42,174
Jackpot Dog Monies Held	-	2,675
GST Collected on Sales	5,271	12,725
GST Paid on Purchases	(4,582)	(2,064)
Provision for Annual Leave	13,154	9,148
Provision for LSL	4,870	-
Superannuation Payable	247	-
Income In Advance	236,500	239,188
Deposits Held - for Functions	-	500
Total Current Liabilities	321,448	335,560
Total Liabilities	321,448	335,560
Net Assets	2,239,678	2,221,498
Equity		
Retained Earnings	2,221,498	2,100,391
Current Earnings	18,180	121,107
Total Equity	2,239,678	2,221,498

Profit & Loss

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc For the year ended 30 September 2014

	30-Sep-14	30-Sep-13
Income		
Trading profit - Racing	364,003	455,683
Trading profit - Bar	2,441	4,187
Interest Received	26,735	24,880
Members Subscriptions	794	851
Sundry Income	71	1,095
Unders/Overs	(91)	23
Fundraising	29,195	-
Total Income	423,149	486,721
Gross Profit	423,149	486,721
Less Operating Expenses		
Accountancy	11,210	11,669
Advertising & Promotion	618	4,125
Audit Fees	2,409	2,409
Bank Fees and Charges	365	688
Bistro Supplies/Stock	227	-
Cleaning & Trade Waste	12,117	11,581
Computer Consumables	510	380
Products for Sale	280	-
Depreciation - Plant & Equipment	33,560	29,486
Depreciation - Building & Improvement	38,637	42,634
Electricity & Heating	14,361	16,548
Filling Fees	108	-
First aid Requisites	39	-
Ground Rental	13,300	11,499
Coffee Supplies	3,627	3,328
Movement - Provision Annual Leave	4,007	(6,029)
Movement - Provision for LSL	4,870	*
Insurance	30,629	34,024
Internet	1,903	2,013
Printing, Postage & Stationery	10,223	9,355
Promotion	31,943	*
Rates & Land Tax	7,727	6,609
Repairs & Maintenance	14,809	21,076
Security	6,105	6,366
Sponsorship Payment Out	425	2,505
Sponsorship - Expenses	150	259
Staff Amenities & Training	971	1,589
Xmas Added Expenses	941	1,360
Subscriptions & Licences	2,790	2,107
Telephone	10,236	10,993
Travel, Accommodation & Conferences	9,166	3,882
Uniforms	2,927	1,466
Water & Sewerage	22,615	17,158
Superannuation	22,673	22,227
Wages - Administration	88,489	94,221
Total Operating Expenses	404,969	365,528
Net Profit	18,180	121,192

Profit & Loss: Departmental Trading

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc For the year ended 30 September 2014

Bar, Canteen and Functions	30-Sep-14	30-Sep-13
Income		
Bar Sales	32,775	40,943
Canteen / Lollies	542	1,478
Coffee	3,653	4,244
Function Room Hire	6,194	3,445
Function Bar Takings	4,728	
Total Income	47,893	50,110
Gross Profit	47,893	50,110
Less: Cost of Goods Sold at Bar, Canteen and Functions		
Opening Stock - Bar	4,180	3,467
Bar Purchases	24,371	30,979
Bar Sundries	270	236
Liquor Licence	4,108	3,881
Function Costs	7,703	3,946
Confectionery Supplies	40	461
Wages - Bar And Functions	10,686	7,218
Total Operating Expenses	51,358	50,188
Less: Closing Stock	5,907	4,180
Cost of goods Sold at Bar, Canteen and Functions	45,451	46,008
Profit from Bar, Canteen and Function Trading	2,441	4,102

Profit & Loss: Departmental Trading

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc For the year ended 30 September 2014

	30-Sep-14	30-Sep-13
Racing		
Income		
Stand Fees	-	900
Gate Takings	11,532	14,558
Programmes	2,505	3,463
Straight Track Fees	2,622	3,908
Levies	-	515
Fines	145	4,533
Sponsorship	25,516	23,156
ACT Treasury Funding	989,313	962,000
Race Fields Product Fee	463,989	407,445
Trials	17,061	20,288
Total Income	1,512,683	1,440,765
Gross Profit	1,512,683	1,440,765
Less Operating Expenses		
Advertising & Promotion	13,098	15,250
Function Costs	-	2,464
Sundry Racing Expenses	5,414	8,480
Laundry	100	-
Photo Finish Hire	11,836	11,264
Prize money	724,165	559,650
Programs	11,765	4,934
Promotion	2,195	-
Repairs & Maintenance - Track	29,950	42,690
Stewards Inquiry Costs	2,045	1,850
Subscriptions & Licences	8,309	2,015
Subcontractors	31,475	32,489
Swab Costs	32,320	29,990
Track Telecasts	30,000	27,881
Tractor & Truck Expense (Diesel)	6,307	7,605
Mower & Equipt Expense (Petrol)	791	-
Maintenance Ute Expenses	5,542	4,515
Trophies	6,384	6,453
Video - GST Free	31,340	30,205
Vet Fees	25,878	24,588
Wages	169,765	172,759
Total Operating Expenses	1,148,680	985,082
Profit from Trading	364,003	455,683

Depreciation Schedule

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc
Depreciation Schedule as on 30 September 2014

Item	Number	Year	Cost	Rate	Purchased	Disposal	1-Oct-13	Furniture	Depreciated	Residual	Acum Dep	30-Sep-14
LEASEHOLD LAND & BUILDINGS												
Land & Buildings	FA-001	U'hold Land & Buildings	843,881	2.50% DV	1/1/1990		406,015		10,150		448,020	395,861
Kennel Improvements	FA-002	U'hold Land & Buildings	31,912	10.50% DV	1/1/1990		3,502				28,410	3,025
Kennel All-Construction	FA-004	U'hold Land & Buildings	258,334	2.50% DV	9/30/1991		359		45		6,266	314
1993 Improvements - RDF Grant	FA-005	U'hold Land & Buildings	100,821	2.50% DV	9/30/1993		210,554		5,264		153,034	205,300
1993 Improvements - RDF Grant	FA-006	U'hold Land & Buildings	1,340	2.50% DV	2/1/1994		60,763		1,519		41,577	59,244
Water Bore Survey	FA-007	U'hold Land & Buildings	217	20.00% DV	3/11/1994		814		20		546	74
1994 Improvements - RDF Grant	FA-008	U'hold Land & Buildings	58,991	2.50% DV	9/30/1994		3		1		214	3
1995 Improvements - RDF Grant	FA-009	U'hold Land & Buildings	76,721	2.50% DV	9/30/1995		36,456		911		23,436	35,545
Roofing on Kennel Block	FA-010	U'hold Land & Buildings	630	2.50% DV	9/30/1995		48,637		1,216		29,300	47,421
Ingraham Sprinting Track	FA-011	U'hold Land & Buildings	4,700	20.00% DV	3/26/1996		409		10		242	398
Catching Pen	FA-012	U'hold Land & Buildings	500	20.00% DV	1/21/1996		175		35		8,560	140
RDF Grant - 450m Boxes Rebuilt	FA-013	U'hold Land & Buildings	5,447	2.50% DV	2/23/1998		10		2		492	8
RDF Grant - 450m Boxes Rebuilt	FA-014	U'hold Land & Buildings	11,028	2.50% DV	6/30/1998		3,672		92		1,857	3,500
New Application Fees Kennel Extension	FA-015	U'hold Land & Buildings	639	2.50% SL	5/31/1999		7,497		429		29,300	47,421
New Fence Catching Pen	FA-016	U'hold Land & Buildings	693	2.50% SL	6/30/1999		450		17		246	393
Electric Work Kennel Extension	FA-017	U'hold Land & Buildings	800	2.50% SL	9/31/1999		353		14		261	432
Electric Work Kennel Extension	FA-018	U'hold Land & Buildings	800	2.50% SL	9/31/1999		518		20		211	340
New Wood Decking Kennel Extension	FA-019	U'hold Land & Buildings	28,364	2.50% DV	11/10/2008		25,116		628		3,876	24,488
Track Work	FA-020	U'hold Land & Buildings	137,516	2.50% DV	3/1/2010		125,591		3,140		15,065	122,455
Extension Kennel Block - RDF	FA-021	U'hold Land & Buildings	2,450	2.50% DV	9/1/1999		16,107		611		9,365	15,465
Electrical	FA-022	U'hold Land & Buildings	2,108	2.50% DV	2/9/2010		1,010		25		123	585
Concrete Pad for Tractor	FA-023	U'hold Land & Buildings	5,425	2.50% DV	2/9/2010		4,281		102		1,440	3,585
Robert Shutters	FA-024	U'hold Land & Buildings	4,467	5.00% SL	3/14/2010		3,033		76		363	2,976
Track Lighting Work - RDF	FA-025	U'hold Land & Buildings	44,607	5.00% SL	4/3/2003		21,297		2,240		25,751	19,056
Kennel Upgrade	FA-026	U'hold Land & Buildings	50,100	5.00% SL	8/15/2003		24,718		2,505		27,877	22,233
Starting Boxes	FA-027	U'hold Land & Buildings	24,650	10.00% SL	9/16/2003		24,650		-		24,650	22,841
Kennel Upgrade - Stage II	FA-028	U'hold Land & Buildings	48,465	5.00% DV	9/18/2003		24,319		1,307		25,324	22,514
530 Mtr Pneumatic Starting Boxes	FA-029	U'hold Land & Buildings	24,650	2.50% DV	10/22/2003		19,153		479		5,868	13,684
440m Starting Boxes	FA-030	U'hold Land & Buildings	24,702	2.50% DV	3/12/2004		19,237		484		5,823	18,479
Roof Between Stalls to Cover Kennel	FA-031	U'hold Land & Buildings	2,500	2.50% DV	4/5/2004		1,970		49		560	1,920
Roof Between Stalls to Cover Kennel	FA-032	U'hold Land & Buildings	4,840	2.50% DV	13/1/2004		4,384		110		566	4,274
Carport for 530m Boxes	FA-033	U'hold Land & Buildings	1,268	2.50% DV	10/6/2004		1,010		23		283	585
Site Inspection - Report	FA-034	U'hold Land & Buildings	495	2.50% DV	10/6/2004		448		17		39	435
New Stump	FA-035	U'hold Land & Buildings	850	2.50% DV	1/12/2005		683		26		277	1,005
Coercing	FA-036	U'hold Land & Buildings	1,282	2.50% DV	3/12/2005		1,031		26		500	1,518
Boats - 600m Start	FA-037	U'hold Land & Buildings	24,650	2.50% DV	6/22/2009		19,591		500		5,158	19,492
Installation Cost for 600m Boxes -	FA-038	U'hold Land & Buildings	1,188	2.50% DV	7/19/2005		965		24		246	941
Stencils Expense in Parade Area	FA-039	U'hold Land & Buildings	800	2.50% DV	9/31/2005		682		16		164	636
Asphalt in Carport	FA-040	U'hold Land & Buildings	4,545	2.50% DV	11/16/2005		3,716		93		912	3,633
2 Cover over Boxes	FA-041	U'hold Land & Buildings	1,836	2.50% DV	1/17/2006		1,593		40		348	1,553
New Metal on 510, 530 & 600m Boxes	FA-042	U'hold Land & Buildings	6,200	2.50% DV	3/9/2006		5,120		126		1,204	4,992
Add Material for Covers for Boxes	FA-043	U'hold Land & Buildings	2,320	2.50% DV	3/28/2006		1,518		48		449	1,471
Install Lighting 600m Boxes	FA-044	U'hold Land & Buildings	783	2.50% DV	3/28/2006		647		16		150	631
2 Carports over 310m & 600m boxes	FA-045	U'hold Land & Buildings	900	2.50% DV	4/2/2006		744		19		175	725
Insulation of Kennels	FA-046	U'hold Land & Buildings	1,630	2.50% DV	2/13/2007		1,394		95		291	1,399
Conform Insulation Bar/Storage	FA-047	U'hold Land & Buildings	3,700	2.50% DV	7/16/2007		3,154		79		615	3,085
Security Upgrade Tally/Photo Doors	FA-048	U'hold Land & Buildings	6,000	2.50% DV	7/1/2009		5,388		195		747	5,213
Security Upgrade	FA-049	U'hold Land & Buildings	693	2.50% DV	7/12/2009		623		16		85	607
Supply & install new toilets & taps	FA-050	U'hold Land & Buildings	8,840	2.50% DV	7/12/2009		7,949		159		1,090	7,150
Sand for Track	FA-051	U'hold Land & Buildings	39,217	0.00% DV	4/1/2010		38,825		-		492	38,825
Pool Works	FA-052	U'hold Land & Buildings	9,910	2.50% SL	6/20/2011		9,334		248		814	9,106
Fencing	FA-053	U'hold Land & Buildings	28,200	2.50% SL	4/6/2011		26,682		705		2,223	25,977
Floor Tiles	FA-054	U'hold Land & Buildings	9,156	2.50% SL	7/17/2011		8,657		229		734	8,428
Door	FA-055	U'hold Land & Buildings	2,700	2.50% SL	7/17/2011		2,533		68		215	7,415
Parquet Floor Works	FA-056	U'hold Land & Buildings	1,800	2.50% SL	8/21/2011		1,709		45		340	1,569
Capital Expenditure to 28/05/2012	FA-057	U'hold Land & Buildings	91,576	2.50% SL	5/28/2012		88,537		2,299		5,278	85,247
Capital Expenditure to 31/07/2012	FA-058	U'hold Land & Buildings	31,796	2.50% SL	7/31/2012		30,449		782		1,629	29,667
Stratton Outback cover - kennels area & catching pen	FA-059	U'hold Land & Buildings	11,809	2.50% SL	10/10/2012		10,516		270		534	10,275
Drainage Works - Between 310m & 600m boxes	FA-060	U'hold Land & Buildings	21,000	2.50% SL	10/11/2012		20,518		525		1,007	19,993
Business 49950m Water tank & connection	FA-061	U'hold Land & Buildings	14,633	2.50% SL	4/30/2013		14,478		366		570	14,113
Gas compartment for truck	FA-062	U'hold Land & Buildings	4,201	2.50% SL	5/31/2013		4,165		195		340	4,060
New Windows (Face Day Office)	FA-063	U'hold Land & Buildings	1,990	2.50% SL	8/20/2013		1,974		682		55	1,925
Freestanding Porpo	FA-064	U'hold Land & Buildings	6,842	2.50% SL	3/27/2014		979		0		0	979
Improvements - Shed	FA-065	U'hold Land & Buildings	979	2.50% DV	4/30/2014		1,246		0		0	1,246
Improvements - Fence	FA-066	U'hold Land & Buildings	1,246	2.50% DV	9/30/2014				0		0	1,246
Total Leasehold Land & Buildings			3,377,843				1,341,961	9,337	18,806		320,632	1,156,311

Items	Account	Type	Cost	Rate	Produced	Demanded	Stores	Purchases	Distribution	Receipts	Actual Dep	30 Sep 14
PLANT & EQUIPMENT AT COST	FA-0000	Plant & Equip										
Chairs, Tables & Stools	FA-0004	Plant & Equip	2,344	7,258 DV	1/1/1997		156		17		3,124	218
Bowl	FA-0007	Plant & Equip	149	7,258 DV	1/1/1997		1		1		1,277	9
Refrigerator	FA-0006	Plant & Equip	12,127	13,000 DV	1/1/1997		41		7		12,104	16
Cupet	FA-0009	Plant & Equip	4037	11,294 DV	1/1/1997		71		7		3,872	55
Curtain	FA-0010	Plant & Equip	110	0,000 DV	1/1/1997		410					110
Health	FA-0011	Plant & Equip	410	15,000 DV	1/1/1997		0				400	
Light Fixture	FA-0012	Plant & Equip	850	15,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		789	2
Coffee TV	FA-0013	Plant & Equip	789	15,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		747	2
Lighted Footcandle	FA-0014	Plant & Equip	2,021	7,500 DV	1/1/1997		156		17		2,755	145
Security System	FA-0015	Plant & Equip	1,101	7,500 DV	1/1/1997		73		5		1,034	68
Dial L Table	FA-0016	Plant & Equip	375	15,000 DV	1/1/1997		2		0		374	1
Refrigerator	FA-0017	Plant & Equip	2,546	15,000 DV	1/1/1997		12		2		2,555	10
Air Conditioner	FA-0018	Plant & Equip	200	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0				200	
Vacuum Cleaner	FA-0019	Plant & Equip	170	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0				170	
Calculator	FA-0020	Plant & Equip	300	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0				300	
Printer	FA-0021	Plant & Equip	600	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		600	
Security Screens	FA-0022	Plant & Equip	504	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		504	
Waffle Table	FA-0023	Plant & Equip	805	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		805	
Stove	FA-0024	Plant & Equip	500	17,000 DV	1/1/1997		4		1		497	3
Hot Food Bar	FA-0025	Plant & Equip	2,420	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		1		2,415	5
Table & Chair	FA-0026	Plant & Equip	173	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0				173	
Gas Lifters	FA-0027	Plant & Equip	725	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		2		724	1
Patrol	FA-0028	Plant & Equip	3,057	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		2		3,051	6
TV Monitors	FA-0029	Plant & Equip	2,805	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		2		2,799	7
Neon Sign	FA-0030	Plant & Equip	270	22,500 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		270	
Refrigerator	FA-0031	Plant & Equip	1,915	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		1		1,911	4
Lawn Mower	FA-0032	Plant & Equip	1,000	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		974	2
Sink & Dish	FA-0033	Plant & Equip	675	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		1		674	1
Equipment	FA-0034	Plant & Equip	1,100	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		1		1,097	3
Freezer	FA-0035	Plant & Equip	1,100	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		1		1,097	3
Freezer/Chiller	FA-0036	Plant & Equip	1,100	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		1		1,097	3
Toilet Paper	FA-0037	Plant & Equip	4,214	7,500 DV	1/1/1997		430		37		2,613	358
Sound System	FA-0038	Plant & Equip	4,214	7,500 DV	1/1/1997		370		21		4,014	254
Yarn & Bias	FA-0039	Plant & Equip	1,875	7,500 DV	1/1/1997		401		30		5,604	271
Lighting	FA-0100	Plant & Equip	33,600	7,500 DV	1/1/1997		2,357		104		11,514	2,504
Hot Light Fixtures	FA-0101	Plant & Equip	600	15,000 DV	1/1/1997		1		0		599	2
Soundboard	FA-0102	Plant & Equip	874	15,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		874	2
Equipment Stand	FA-0103	Plant & Equip	1,012	15,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		1,012	2
Noise Board	FA-0104	Plant & Equip	35	4,500 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		35	0
Truck Bar	FA-0105	Plant & Equip	150	17,700 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		150	0
Sprinkler System	FA-0106	Plant & Equip	4,170	13,300 DV	1/1/1997		49		6		4,134	47
Kennel	FA-0107	Plant & Equip	645	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		645	0
Sprinkler System	FA-0108	Plant & Equip	659	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		659	0
TV Antenna	FA-0109	Plant & Equip	146	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		146	0
Furniture & Fixtures	FA-0110	Plant & Equip	355	12,250 DV	1/1/1997		20		2		334	17
Vacuum Cleaner	FA-0111	Plant & Equip	1,845	15,000 DV	1/1/1997		43		6		1,810	35
Office Furniture	FA-0112	Plant & Equip	2,400	11,250 DV	1/1/1997		143		16		2,271	128
Rolling Ring Chairs	FA-0113	Plant & Equip	1,250	11,250 DV	1/1/1997		75		8		1,183	67
Equipment	FA-0114	Plant & Equip	220	15,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		214	6
Lane	FA-0115	Plant & Equip	8,000	18,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		817	1
Mikrowave	FA-0116	Plant & Equip	818	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		818	0
2 Hotters, Extension	FA-0117	Plant & Equip	598	18,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		598	0
Chairs for Groups	FA-0118	Plant & Equip	568	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		568	0
A/V Video & TV Controls	FA-0119	Plant & Equip	1,370	30,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		1		1,370	0
Kennel Scales	FA-0120	Plant & Equip	4,871	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		10		4,841	30
Read Sign	FA-0121	Plant & Equip	500	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		500	0
Lawn Mower	FA-0122	Plant & Equip	445	30,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		445	0
Park Bench	FA-0123	Plant & Equip	480	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		480	0
Cash Register, Bar	FA-0124	Plant & Equip	1,094	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		1,094	0
Simulator Arm for Lane	FA-0125	Plant & Equip	358	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		358	0
Printer & Computer Hardware	FA-0126	Plant & Equip	945	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		945	0
Printing Equipment	FA-0127	Plant & Equip	890	40,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		890	0
Printing Equipment	FA-0128	Plant & Equip	1,735	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		1,735	0
Second Hand Chairs	FA-0129	Plant & Equip	600	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		600	0
Franchise	FA-0130	Plant & Equip	995	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		995	0
Cable Line	FA-0131	Plant & Equip	30,247	30,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		30,247	0
Fire System	FA-0132	Plant & Equip	430	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		430	0
2nd Second Hand Chairs, Betting Ring	FA-0133	Plant & Equip	2,000	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		2,000	0
Whisper Scooper	FA-0134	Plant & Equip	510	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		510	0
Monitoring Interface - Fire System	FA-0135	Plant & Equip	750	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		750	0
3 DOT Lights	FA-0136	Plant & Equip	700	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		700	0
External Lighting & Installation	FA-0137	Plant & Equip	650	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		650	0
Waffle Table	FA-0138	Plant & Equip	355	30,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		355	0
Vertical Board	FA-0139	Plant & Equip	541	30,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		541	0
Second Hand Scooper - Straight Track	FA-0140	Plant & Equip	650	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		650	0
Metal Tables & Chairs Affixed	FA-0141	Plant & Equip	5,238	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		5,238	0
Air Conditioner Preliminary Expense	FA-0142	Plant & Equip	2,134	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		2,134	0
Glass Washer	FA-0143	Plant & Equip	2,580	0,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		2,580	0
Fencing, Caravan Shed	FA-0144	Plant & Equip	38,753	30,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		38,753	0
Aluminum Hot Pan Restaurant	FA-0145	Plant & Equip	600	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		600	0
Second Hand Robbakh, Vacuum	FA-0146	Plant & Equip	490	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		490	0
Coffee Machine	FA-0147	Plant & Equip	2,380	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		2,380	0
Ice Machine	FA-0148	Plant & Equip	1,015	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		1,015	0
Hot Water System	FA-0149	Plant & Equip	150	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		150	0
Cash Register	FA-0150	Plant & Equip	408	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		408	0
Vacuum Cleaner	FA-0151	Plant & Equip	3,045	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		3,045	0
Truck Scooper	FA-0152	Plant & Equip	1,290	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		1,290	0
Truck Scooper Implementation	FA-0153	Plant & Equip	5,352	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		5,352	0
System	FA-0154	Plant & Equip	55,906	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		55,906	0
Scrapboard Board	FA-0155	Plant & Equip	450	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		450	0
Alarm System Kenneh	FA-0156	Plant & Equip	1,515	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		1,515	0
2000 Scapboard Kenneh in Production Room	FA-0157	Plant & Equip	1,515	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		1,515	0
4 Boxes for Kenneh	FA-0158	Plant & Equip	1,000	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		1,000	0
Chairs - Balling and Vets Room	FA-0159	Plant & Equip	845	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		845	0
New Store Room, Kennel	FA-0160	Plant & Equip	300	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		300	0
Computer, Steward Room	FA-0161	Plant & Equip	803	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		803	0
2x Two Way Radios	FA-0162	Plant & Equip	2,683	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		2,683	0
New Computer System and Setup	FA-0163	Plant & Equip	555	20,000 DV	1/1/1997		0		0		555	0
2x TVs and Video for Steward & Kennel	FA-0164	Plant & Equip	768	20,000 DV	1/1/1997							

Welder	FA-0176	Plant & Equip	536	20.00% DV	5/11/2004	66	13	483	53
Injection Pump	FA-0177	Plant & Equip	3,650	20.00% DV	6/9/2004	485	97	3,462	344
Office, Centeen	FA-0178	Plant & Equip	591	20.00% DV	4/19/2005	32	18	519	71
Plant Air Compressor, K17/12	FA-0179	Plant & Equip	824	20.00% DV	6/22/2006	130	26	720	104
Computer Upgrade - on Drive Computer	FA-0180	Plant & Equip	514	20.00% DV	8/11/2005	84	17	447	67
Printer & Software	FA-0181	Plant & Equip	1,443	40.00% DV	1/27/2006	29	12	1,425	18
TV for Betting Ring	FA-0182	Plant & Equip	1,389	20.00% DV	1/27/2005	252	50	1,187	202
Van's Table with Rubber Matting	FA-0183	Plant & Equip	511	20.00% DV	3/7/2006	95	19	425	76
Zebra P110I Card Printing Machine	FA-0184	Plant & Equip	3,190	20.00% DV	11/24/2006	625	139	2,634	556
Sky DYN Units Installation	FA-0185	Plant & Equip	130,000	2.50% DV	7/14/2007	109,247	2,709	24,562	105,630
Water Tank	FA-0186	Plant & Equip	2,757	20.00% DV	3/7/2007	640	128	2,243	512
Golf Baggy	FA-0187	Plant & Equip	409	20.00% DV	4/20/2007	99	20	311	74
2/Hand Cash Register - Bar	FA-0189	Plant & Equip	2,295	20.00% DV	6/5/2007	502	113	1,770	424
Water Tank Enclosure & Connection	FA-0190	Plant & Equip	2,195	20.00% DV	5/17/2007	531	106	1,645	450
Canon Photocopier	FA-0191	Plant & Equip	3,000	20.00% DV	1/30/2008	53	27	2,892	641
Deep Fryer	FA-0192	Plant & Equip	2,411	50.00% DV	2/17/2008	765	305	12,065	460
Office PC	FA-0193	Plant & Equip	12,945	40.00% DV	2/17/2008	4,949	1,237	20,375	3,711
Power Rake	FA-0194	Plant & Equip	600	40.00% DV	5/21/2008	40	16	576	24
Tractor C235	FA-0195	Plant & Equip	756	13.33% DV	9/8/2008	328	10	624	10
Printer Cover	FA-0196	Plant & Equip	634	50.00% DV	9/15/2008	20	19	469	166
Camera VR Pentax K2000	FA-0198	Plant & Equip	635	20.00% DV	9/25/2008	207	41	455	552
Compressor for 550m Boxes	FA-0199	Plant & Equip	1,007	10.00% DV	1/17/2009	219	109	4,850	109
Security System	FA-0200	Plant & Equip	4,959	50.00% DV	2/12/2009	39	19	816	19
Security Camera	FA-0201	Plant & Equip	835	13.33% DV	3/10/2009	39	19	816	19
Water Truck	FA-0202	Plant & Equip	6,849	13.33% DV	4/15/2009	3,500	467	3,615	3,033
16 42 inch HD LED TV	FA-0203	Plant & Equip	1,227	40.00% DV	7/14/2009	143	57	1,142	86
16 42 inch HD LED TV	FA-0204	Plant & Equip	1,227	40.00% DV	7/14/2009	143	57	1,142	86
Laptop MS Office	FA-0205	Plant & Equip	1,308	40.00% DV	7/12/2009	154	62	1,216	93
Hot Water Kitchen Bldg	FA-0206	Plant & Equip	1,450	50.00% DV	7/12/2009	328	58	1,221	229
Installation of TVs	FA-0207	Plant & Equip	400	40.00% DV	8/14/2009	41	19	371	29
Auto Dishwasher	FA-0208	Plant & Equip	1,107	40.00% DV	5/21/2009	122	49	1,034	73
Dump Freezer	FA-0209	Plant & Equip	582	20.00% DV	12/14/2009	251	50	381	201
Vacuum Cleaner	FA-0210	Plant & Equip	431	50.00% DV	6/14/2010	359	37	428	314
Acce Laptop	FA-0211	Plant & Equip	504	66.67% DV	5/30/2010	26	79	657	119
Compressor for 500m Boxes	FA-0212	Plant & Equip	1,086	40.00% DV	5/13/2010	57	28	544	28
TV for Betting Ring	FA-0213	Plant & Equip	572	50.00% DV	4/30/2010	231	464	2,029	1,855
Wood Heater & Installation for Betting	FA-0214	Plant & Equip	4,764	20.00% DV	7/12/2010	2,314	464	406	282
LCD TV (Beating Ring)	FA-0215	Plant & Equip	700	20.00% DV	10/14/2010	565	73	2,029	1,855
Seamphone Board	FA-0216	Plant & Equip	26,463	20.00% DV	12/15/2010	14,261	2,852	15,084	11,409
Garage Roller Door	FA-0217	Plant & Equip	4,105	15.00% DV	12/21/2010	2,597	390	1,697	2,207
Diesel Tank & Pump	FA-0218	Plant & Equip	1,363	0.00% DV	4/5/2011	1,350	71	212	248
Vauxem	FA-0219	Plant & Equip	570	20.00% DV	9/5/2011	369	76	350	177
Swift Push Mower	FA-0220	Plant & Equip	517	30.00% DV	9/19/2011	253	3,292	3,078	4,117
Sprinkler System	FA-0221	Plant & Equip	9,470	20.00% DV	5/15/2011	3,844	2,706	12,449	3,078
Carpet	FA-0222	Plant & Equip	20,566	25.00% DV	6/28/2011	10,023	654	3,900	2,592
Mazda Truck SW1761	FA-0223	Plant & Equip	1,295	20.00% DV	7/13/2011	798	160	657	659
Chairs	FA-0224	Plant & Equip	409	20.00% DV	7/15/2011	252	50	207	207
12 Tables	FA-0225	Plant & Equip	770	20.00% DV	8/2/2011	477	95	649	581
12 Tub Drills	FA-0226	Plant & Equip	1,128	20.00% DV	8/17/2011	707	141	565	565
2 Lounges with 2 Coffee Tables	FA-0227	Plant & Equip	692	20.00% DV	8/17/2011	421	86	346	346
TV	FA-0228	Plant & Equip	945	20.00% DV	8/23/2011	592	118	471	474
Backup Security System	FA-0229	Plant & Equip	945	20.00% DV	8/23/2011	592	118	471	474
Air Conditioning	FA-0230	Plant & Equip	1,269	15.00% DV	6/3/2012	1,025	154	397	871
Computer	FA-0231	Plant & Equip	9,818	15.00% DV	12/9/2012	7,330	1,059	3,584	5,230
Colson Upgrade	FA-0232	Plant & Equip	3,227	66.67% DV	1/30/2012	595	297	9,029	199
Motor Vehicle	FA-0233	Plant & Equip	5,500	20.00% DV	12/5/2011	4,010	802	2,692	3,208
Shabar	FA-0234	Plant & Equip	4,500	20.00% DV	1/14/2012	3,161	612	2,051	2,449
Chest Freezer - for Kennel	FA-0235	Plant & Equip	2,200	20.00% DV	1/14/2012	1,516	305	960	1,220
Flpax Reverse Cycle Air Conditioner	FA-0236	Plant & Equip	397	15.00% DV	2/12/2013	360	54	92	309
New security lock and 4 cameras	FA-0237	Plant & Equip	3,145	15.00% DV	4/7/2013	2,917	437	666	1,479
New computer for office incl. microsoft package	FA-0238	Plant & Equip	726	30.00% DV	4/17/2013	617	188	284	439
Vacuum Cleaner	FA-0239	Plant & Equip	973	37.50% DV	4/17/2013	817	306	452	511
Camera In Kennel & Camera Cables	FA-0240	Plant & Equip	466	15.00% DV	6/24/2013	448	67	84	581
Trophy Cabinet	FA-0241	Plant & Equip	2,345	30.00% DV	6/24/2013	2,266	680	759	1,586
Cash Register	FA-0242	Plant & Equip	315	20.00% DV	9/12/2013	371	37	41	334
Safety Jail for track	FA-0243	Plant & Equip	536	20.00% DV	2/5/2014	536	69	69	467
Scanner for Kennel	FA-0244	Plant & Equip	34,842	40.00% DV	2/13/2014	34,842	9,011	9,011	25,811
Camera for Kennel	FA-0245	Plant & Equip	1,770	20.00% DV	3/14/2014	1,770	229	229	1,541
New Kennel	FA-0246	Plant & Equip	200	50.00% DV	7/7/2014	114	15	84	176
Improvements - Plant	FA-0247	Plant & Equip	114	20.00% DV	7/7/2014	114	15	15	99
Total Plant & Equipment	FA-0248	Plant & Equip	3,007	15.00% DV	7/7/2014	3,007	361	3,641	7,771
			777,115			211,004	40,613	92,550	507,172

Notes to the Financial Statements

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc For the year ended 30 September 2014

1. Statement of Significant Policies

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the company is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial reports. This financial report is therefore a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in order to meet the needs of members.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies disclosed below which the directors have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of this report are as follows:

1.(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

1.(b) Trade Receivables and Other Receivables

Trade receivables and other receivables, including distributions receivable, are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money. If required a provision for doubtful has been created.

1.(c) Trade Creditors and Other Payables

Trade creditors and other payables, including bank borrowings and distributions payable, are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money.

1.(d) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which, for floating rate financial assets, is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

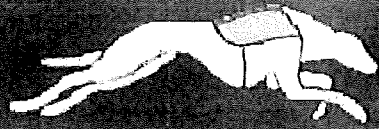
Revenue recognition relating to the provision of services is determined with reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at reporting date and where outcome of the contract can be estimated reliably. Stage of completion is determined with reference to the services performed to date as a percentage of total anticipated services to be performed. Where the outcome cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent that related expenditure is recoverable. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

1.(e) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

1.(f) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are included at cost, or at valuation. All assets, excluding freehold land and buildings held for investment are depreciated over their useful lives to the entity.



CANBERRA GREYHOUND RACING CLUB INC

2015 Annual General Meeting



Friday 4th December 2015

ANNUAL REPORT



CANBERRA GREYHOUND RACING CLUB INC

~ Board of Management ~

Mr Ron Peck, Chairman

Messrs. Garry Harriden, Brent Bullock, Leon Jakobasic, Garry Collier,
Wayne Bradley, Paul Hannaford, Fred Shoobert

~ Executive ~

Messrs. Ron Peck, Garry Harriden

~ Auditor ~

John Beard Registered Company Auditor
John Beard Audit Services
22 Hensman Ave
LATHAM ACT 2615

~ Accountant ~

Marc Wilson
Benchmarc Group
Unit 3, 41-43 Colbee Court, Phillip ACT 2606
PO Box 801 Mawson ACT 2607

~ Secretary ~

Mrs Debbie Collier

**Annual General Meeting
Friday 4th December 2015**

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 2015

On behalf of the Board I am pleased to advise member's that the Club has performed extremely well over the last year. Financially the Club's net profit was **\$146,426. (Compared to last year's \$18,181 profit)**

The Club's total current assets (mostly term deposits & cash in the bank) have grown **\$199,804**. Total assets are now **\$2.7 million** placing the Club in a very healthy position.

INCOME

The main income source continues to be funding from ACT Government (**\$1M pa**) and Race Fields income (**\$629,080 pa**).

Race Fields payments this year is **\$165,000** up from last year to **\$629,000**. This is due to our continued Sky1 coverage.

EXPENSES

Prizemoney given out this year was **\$764,950** which is up **\$40,000** from last year, due to regular 11 race fields, and Heats & Finals. Repairs and Maintenance increases were due to: New Kennel block gutters, Repairs to asphalt driveway & Security system installation

Four Corners Program Making a Killing - February 2015

Following the airing of the program and the media backlash towards greyhound racing in the ACT, the CGRC BOM have worked hard to keep our relationships strong with the ACT Minister of Racing and other Government authorities. The Board has responded to all requests from the ACT Minister for Racing and the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission, we have focused on strengthening our Integrity and Animal Welfare with:

- New security surveillance measures in place at CGRC so as to provide increased assurances that no illegal activity takes place at the track.
- Socialization Yard - Providing a designated fenced, grass paddock exercise area at CGRC. Greyhounds can then be exercised and socialized with other breed of companion dogs in a controlled environment without distraction to greyhounds in race training.
- CGRC are promoting responsible dog ownership by promoting Greyhounds as Pets (GAP) program, and will be taking part in a promotion of Greyhounds and Standardbreds at the next Harness racing meeting on the 12th December 2015.
- Trialing of the "finish on lure" system, in line with systems implemented in New Zealand and also currently under trial by other Controlling Bodies in Australasia.
- CGRC have endorsed GRNSW amendments to penalties in the Rules of Racing in the ACT.

I wish to thank the Board, all members and employees for their contribution to the Club throughout the year.

Ron Peck, Chairman CGRC

SECRETARY'S REPORT – 2015

On the agenda throughout the year were the following items, followed by their current status:

- **Strategic Plan 2015–2020** CGRC have reviewed our Strategic Plan for the next 5 years, with future costing estimates over \$700,000 to meet club objectives.
- **ACT Racing codes Co-Location Study** ACT Government tabled the Colocation Study in late March 2015. And the following is the response to CGRC:
“Therefore, and with respect to stakeholder comments, the Government will provide a commitment that no further work will be undertaken in the meantime regarding the relocation of the Canberra Racing Club from Thoroughbred Park, or the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club from Symonston”.
- **Funding Agreement between Racing Codes and ACT Government** Latest information September 2014 ACT Racing codes met to discuss Draft Funding Agreement, followed by each code providing feedback to ACT Government. CGRC feedback was to prefer a common Funding Agreement document signed by all 4 parties. Latest reply from ACT Government stated that “while we have received feedback from the clubs, the agreement has not been updated at this stage due to the feedback provided by clubs that the current funding term is not acceptable.”
- **Race Field Information Model Review** The Canberra Racing Club is undertaking a review of the current model utilized by the Thoroughbred code to collect race field payments for all racing codes. The Race Field Information policy is due for renewal by the CRC, CHRC & CGRC. Currently 1.5% is paid by wagering operators, the payments are collected by CRC for all three racing codes, then distributed on a monthly basis.

Sponsorships This year we have seen the TAB signage go up, giving the track a fresh look. Along with the signage agreement TAB have also committed to the Ruby Oaks sponsorship. CGRC's relationship with TAB has been instrumental in our obtaining Sky 1 coverage, plus TAB have also provided us with community funding to assist with the CGRC Socialization yard.

2015 The Canberra Mower Service Canberra Cup Sky Racing provided on course interviews again this year, via Mark Douclos for this year's GROUP 3 Canberra Cup on Sky 1, won by Uno Suzie. In hindsight, next year we will be dispersing some of the roles out, to ensure Kel is not overloaded with too many duties on the night.

Community The BOM this year offered their support to Black Mountain School, Hartley Lifecare Cycle Challenge and the Elvie Dunwoodie family.

The results of 2015 are indicative of the commitment of the board and staff throughout the year, and I thank them all for their support throughout the year.

Debbie Collier, Secretary CGRC

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Incorporated

CERTIFICATE FROM THE COMMITTEE

We hereby state that as the date of this report the committee members of the association are as follows:

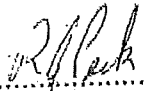
Ron Peck [Chairman]
 Garry Harriden [Senior Vice Chairman]
 Brent Bullock
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The principle activity of the Club during the year was Greyhound Racing and there was no change to this activity at any time during the financial year. In 2014/2015 financial year the Club conducted 44 race meetings compared to 44 in the previous year.

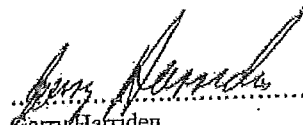
The net operating surplus (before depreciation of \$75,789) of the Association was \$222,215 and a surplus of \$146,426 after depreciation. This compares to a net operating surplus (before depreciation of \$72,197) of the Associations (for the prior year) of \$90,378 and \$18,181 after depreciation.

In our opinion, the attached financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial position of the association as at 30th September 2015, and the results of its operations and cash flow for the year ended on that date.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for on behalf of the Committee by:



 Ron Peck
 Chairman



 Garry Harriden
 Senior Vice Chairman

Signed at Canberra on 10th November 2015

Annual Report 2015
Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc
30 September 2015
Prepared by Benchmarc Financial Group Pty Ltd

Compilation Report
Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc.
For the year ended 30 September 2015

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc., which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 September 2015, the profit and loss for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.

1. Director's Responsibility:

The directors of Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc. are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements and have determined that the significant accounting policies adopted as set out in Note 1 to the financial statements are appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

2. Our Responsibility:

On the basis of information provided by the directors of Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc., we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the significant accounting policies adopted as set out in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the directors provided, in compiling the financial statements. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the directors of Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc.. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

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PHILLIP ACT 2606
Benchmarc Financial Group Pty Ltd

Directors Declaration
Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc.
For the year ended 30 September 2015

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes, as set out herein present fairly the company's financial position as at 30 September 2015 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
2. in the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director:



Dated this

10th

day of

November

2015

The Chairman
 Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc.
 Cnr Jerrabomberra Ave & Narrabundah Ln
SYMONSTON ACT 2609

**Independent Audit report to the Members of The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club
 Incorporated for the year ended 30th September 2015**

Scope

I have audited the attached financial statements of the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Incorporated "the Association" for the year ended 30th September 2015. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Association.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements of the Association are properly drawn up:

So as to give a true and fair view of matters required by subsection 72(2) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 to be dealt with in the financial statements.

In accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991; and

In accordance with proper accounting standards, being Applicable Accounting Standards:

I have obtained all the information and explanations required;

Proper accounting records have been kept by the Association as required by the Act; and

The audit was conducted in accordance with the rules of the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Incorporated.

John Beard

John Beard Registered Company Auditor 15775
 22 Hensman St Latham A.C.T
 10/11/2015

Balance Sheet
Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc.
As at 30 September 2015

	30 Sep 2015	30 Sep 2014
Assets		
Current Assets		
Interest Receivable	\$13,221	\$12,630
Prepayments	\$26,566	\$23,132
Stock on Hand - Bar	\$4,962	\$5,907
Sundry Debtors	\$78,584	\$58,353
Cash on Hand		
Cash on Hand	\$1,892	\$1,892
Debit Card Account	\$3,191	\$1,611
General Cheque Account	\$95,347	\$84,582
NAB Business Cash Maximiser	\$251,267	\$60,727
NAB Term Deposit	\$500,000	\$380,854
Term Deposit 2	\$204,461	\$350,000
Total Cash on Hand	\$1,056,158	\$879,667
Total Current Assets	\$1,179,492	\$979,688
Fixed Assets		
Leasehold Buildings & Improvements		
Leasehold Buildings & Improvements	\$2,298,144	\$2,277,043
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Leasehold Buildings & Improvements	-\$960,425	-\$920,664
Total Leasehold Buildings & Improvements	\$1,335,719	\$1,356,379
Plant & Equipment		
Plant & Equipment	\$765,849	\$727,236
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant & Equipment	-\$538,204	-\$502,176
Total Plant & Equipment	\$227,645	\$225,059
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,563,363	\$1,581,439
Total Assets	\$2,742,855	\$2,561,127
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses	\$4,362	\$1,300
GST	\$1,886	\$688
Income in Advance	\$263,006	\$236,500
NAB Visa Card	-\$1,744	-\$4,053
Provision for Annual Leave	\$14,527	\$13,154
Provision for Long Service Leave	\$6,224	\$4,870
Superannuation Payable	\$3,116	\$247
Trade Creditors	\$65,372	\$68,741
Total Current Liabilities	\$356,750	\$321,448
Total Liabilities	\$356,750	\$321,448

Net Assets	\$2,386,106	\$2,239,679
Equity		
Current Year Earnings	\$146,426	\$18,181
Retained Earnings	\$2,239,679	\$2,221,498
Total Equity	\$2,386,106	\$2,239,679

Notes:

: Signed

: This statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements and the accompanying
Compilation Report.

Profit & Loss
Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc.
For the 12 months ended 30 September 2015

	Sep-15	Sep-14
Income		
Income - Bar, Bistro, Canteen & Functions	\$3,464	\$2,441
Income - Racing	\$507,339	\$364,003
Fundraising	\$3,774	\$29,195
Interest Income	\$26,238	\$26,735
Members' Subscriptions	\$278	\$794
Promotions	\$801	\$0
Sundry Income	\$59	\$71
Unders/Overs	-\$56	-\$91
Total Income	\$541,898	\$423,149
Gross Profit	\$541,898	\$423,149
Less Operating Expenses		
Accounting	\$13,680	\$11,210
Advertising	\$267	\$618
Audit Fees	\$3,000	\$2,409
Bank Fees	\$430	\$365
Bistro Supplies/Stock	-	\$227
Cleaning	\$13,299	\$12,117
Coffee Supplies	\$4,129	\$3,627
Computer Consumables	\$1,205	\$510
Consultants Fee	\$2,670	\$0
Depreciation - Leasehold Building & Improvements	\$39,761	\$38,637
Depreciation - Plant & Equipment	\$36,028	\$33,560
Electricity & Heating	\$13,336	\$14,361
Filing Fees	\$38	\$108
First Aid Requisites	\$444	\$39
Ground Rental	\$14,000	\$13,300
Insurance	\$19,965	\$30,629
Interest Expense	\$51	\$0
Movement - Provision for Annual Leave	\$1,373	\$4,007
Movement - Provision for Long Service Leave	\$1,354	\$4,870
Printing, Postage & Stationery	\$9,272	\$10,223
Products for Sale	\$0	\$280
Promotion Expenses	\$7,136	\$31,943
Rates & Land Tax	\$8,303	\$7,727
Repairs and Maintenance	\$45,588	\$14,809
Security	\$4,410	\$6,105
Sponsorship Expense	\$1,425	\$150
Sponsorship Payment Out	\$0	\$425
Staff Amenities & Training	\$971	\$971
Subscriptions & License	\$2,264	\$2,790
Superannuation	\$22,892	\$22,673
Telephone & Internet	\$9,135	\$12,139
Travel, Accommodation & Conferences	\$7,812	\$9,166
Uniforms	\$3,179	\$2,927
Wages and Salaries - Administration	\$89,346	\$88,489
Water & Sewerage	\$18,106	\$22,615
X'mas Added Expenses	\$601	\$941

Total Operating Expenses	\$395,471	\$404,968
Net Profit	\$146,426	\$18,181

Notes:

: This statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements and the accompanying Compilation Report.

Profit & Loss
Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc.
Racing
For the 12 months ended 30 September 2015

	Sep-15	Sep-14
Income		
Income - Racing	\$2,196	\$2,505
Programmes	\$23,033	\$17,061
Trials	\$1,009,063	\$989,313
ACT Treasury Funding	\$1,750	\$145
Fines	\$12,190	\$11,532
Gate Takings	\$629,080	\$463,989
Race Fields Product Fee	\$27,689	\$25,516
Sponsorship	\$2,495	\$2,622
Straight Track Fees	\$1,707,496	\$1,512,683
Total Income - Racing	\$1,707,496	\$1,512,683
Total Income	\$1,707,496	\$1,512,683
Gross Profit	\$1,707,496	\$1,512,683
Less Operating Expenses		
Advertising	\$9,615	\$13,098
Laundry	\$0	\$100
Maintenance Ute Expenses	\$3,289	\$5,542
Miscellaneous Racing Expenses	\$4,428	\$0
Mower & Equipment Expense (Petrol)	\$2,424	\$791
Photo Finish Hire	\$12,056	\$11,836
Prizemoney	\$764,950	\$724,165
Programs Expenses	\$10,560	\$11,765
Promotion Expenses	\$1,340	\$2,195
Repairs and Maintenance (Track)	\$29,357	\$29,950
Steward Inquiry Costs	\$6,188	\$2,045
Subcontractors	\$35,521	\$31,475
Subscriptions & License	\$10,013	\$8,309
Sundry Racing Expenses	\$0	\$5,414
Swab Costs	\$36,538	\$32,320
Track Telecasts	\$30,000	\$30,000
Tractor & Truck Expenses (Diesel)	\$4,692	\$6,307
Trophies	\$7,454	\$6,384
Vet Fees	\$26,543	\$25,878
Video - GST Free	\$32,215	\$31,340
Wages and Salaries - Racing Administration	\$72,973	\$169,765
Wages and Salaries - Track	\$90,098	\$0
Wages and Salaries - Trials	\$9,903	\$0
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,200,157	\$1,148,680
Net Profit	\$507,339	\$364,003

Profit & Loss
Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc.
Bar, Bistro, Canteen & Functions
For the 12 months ended 30 September 2015

	Sep-15	Sep-14
Income		
Income - Bar, Bistro, Canteen & Functions	\$36,932	\$32,775
Bar Sales	\$974	\$542
Canteen & Lollies	\$3,448	\$3,653
Coffee Sales	\$3,303	\$4,728
Function Bar Takings	\$2,528	\$6,194
Function Room Hire	\$47,185	\$47,892
Total Income - Bar, Bistro, Canteen & Functions	\$47,185	\$47,892
Total Income	\$47,185	\$47,892
Less Cost of Sales		
Opening Stock - Bar	\$5,907	\$4,180
Bar Purchases	\$22,530	\$24,371
Bar Sundries	\$621	\$270
Bistro Supplies / Stock	\$137	\$0
Confectionary Supplies	\$697	\$40
Function Costs	\$6,971	\$7,703
Liquor License	\$4,275	\$4,108
Wages and Salaries - Bar	\$6,349	\$8,724
Wages and Salaries - Functions	\$1,197	\$1,962
Total Operating Expenses	\$48,683	\$51,358
Closing Stock - Bar	-\$4,962	-\$5,907
Total Cost of Sales	\$43,721	\$45,451
Gross Profit	\$3,464	\$2,441
Net Profit	\$3,464	\$2,441

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club

Statement of Cash Flows	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from		
Government Grant	1,035,568	986,625
Race Fields	608,849	545,844
Sales	44,716	34,315
Room Hire	2,528	6,194
Trials	23,033	17,061
Gate Takings	12,190	11,532
Programmes	2,196	2,505
Track Fees	2,495	2,622
Fines	1,750	145
Sponsorship & Promotions	28,490	29,441
Subscriptions	278	794
Fundraising	3,774	29,195
Interest	25,647	19,591
Payments to Suppliers & Employees	-1,559,568	-1,527,908
Interest Expense	- 51	-
Depreciation	-	0
Stock	-	-
Net cash flows from operating activities	231,896	157,958
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of Plant & Equipment	- 38,613	- 40,615
Leasehold improvements	- 19,100	- 9,225
Redemption (Investment) in term deposits	26,393	70,854
Net cash flows used in investing activities	- 31,320	120,693
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	200,576	37,265
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	152,865	115,600
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	353,441	152,865
 Reconciliation of net surplus for the year to net cash flows from operations		
Net surplus for the year	146,426	18,181
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	75,789	72,197
(Increase)/decrease in assets		
Inventories	944	(1,726)
Trade and other receivables	(20,823)	74,711
Prepayments	(3,434)	1,666
Increase/(decrease) in liabilities		
Trade creditors	(3,369)	36,590
Provision for employee benefits	5,596	9,124
Other liabilities	30,766	(52,785)
Net cash flow from operations	231,896	157,958

Depreciation Schedule
 Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc.
 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015

Name	Number	Type	Cost	Rate	Purchased	Disposed	1-Oct-14 Purchases	Depreciation	Disposals	Accum Dep	30-Sep-15
Land & Buildings	FA-0001	L'hoid Land & Building	843,881	2.50% DV	1/01/1990		395,861	9,897		457,916	385,965
Kennel Improvements	FA-0002	L'hoid Land & Building	31,922	10.00% DV	1/01/1990		3,025	303		29,199	2,723
Kennel Air-Conditioning	FA-0003	L'hoid Land & Building	6,600	12.50% DV	1/01/1990		314	39		6,325	275
1992 Improvements - RDF Grant	FA-0004	L'hoid Land & Building	358,334	2.50% DV	30/09/1992		205,300	5,132		158,167	200,167
1993 Improvements - RDF Grant	FA-0005	L'hoid Land & Building	100,821	2.50% DV	30/09/1993		59,244	1,481		43,058	57,763
Door Ramps	FA-0006	L'hoid Land & Building	1,340	2.50% DV	8/02/1994		794	20		566	774
Water Bore - Survey	FA-0007	L'hoid Land & Building	217	20.00% DV	14/03/1994		3	1		215	2
1994 Improvements - RDF Grant	FA-0008	L'hoid Land & Building	58,981	2.50% DV	30/09/1994		35,545	889		24,325	34,656
1995 Improvements - RDF Grant	FA-0009	L'hoid Land & Building	76,721	2.50% DV	30/09/1995		47,421	1,186		30,486	46,235
Roofing on Kennel Block	FA-0010	L'hoid Land & Building	640	2.50% DV	6/02/1996		398	10		252	388
Irrigation Slipping Track	FA-0011	L'hoid Land & Building	8,700	20.00% DV	26/03/1996		140	28		8,588	112
Catching Pen	FA-0012	L'hoid Land & Building	500	20.00% DV	24/01/1996		8	2		494	6
RDF Grant- 450m Boxes Relocater	FA-0013	L'hoid Land & Building	5,447	2.50% DV	28/02/1998		3,580	90		1,956	3,491
RDF Grant- 450m Boxes Relocater	FA-0014	L'hoid Land & Building	11,029	2.50% DV	30/06/1998		7,309	183		3,902	7,127
Plan/Application Fees Kennel Exts	FA-0015	L'hoid Land & Building	639	2.50% SL	20/05/1999		393	16		262	377
New Fence Catching Pen	FA-0016	L'hoid Land & Building	693	2.50% SL	9/06/1999		432	17		278	415
Electrical Work Kennel Extension	FA-0017	L'hoid Land & Building	550	2.50% SL	26/08/1999		340	14		224	326
Painting Kennel Block Extension	FA-0018	L'hoid Land & Building	800	2.50% SL	3/09/1999		498	20		322	478
Powerboard including installation	FA-0019	L'hoid Land & Building	28,364	2.50% DV	10/11/2008		24,488	612		4,488	23,876
Track Work	FA-0020	L'hoid Land & Building	137,516	2.50% DV	1/03/2010		122,451	3,061		18,126	119,390
Extension Kennel Block - RDF	FA-0021	L'hoid Land & Building	24,850	2.50% SL	2/09/1999		15,486	621		9,986	14,864
Electrical	FA-0022	L'hoid Land & Building	1,108	2.50% DV	9/02/2010		985	25		148	960
Concrete Pad for Tractor	FA-0023	L'hoid Land & Building	5,425	2.50% DV	23/07/2002		3,985	100		1,540	3,885
Roller Shutters	FA-0024	L'hoid Land & Building	3,339	2.50% DV	14/03/2010		2,976	74		437	2,902
Track lighting Work - RDF	FA-0025	L'hoid Land & Building	44,807	5.00% SL	3/04/2003		19,056	2,240		27,991	16,816
Kennel Upgrade	FA-0026	L'hoid Land & Building	50,100	5.00% SL	15/08/2003		22,223	2,505		30,382	19,718
Starting Boxes	FA-0027	L'hoid Land & Building	24,650	10.00% SL	6/09/2003					24,650	0
Kennel Upgrade - Stage II	FA-0028	L'hoid Land & Building	48,465	5.00% DV	18/09/2003		22,941	1,147		26,671	21,794
530 Mtr Pneumatic Starting Boxes	FA-0029	L'hoid Land & Building	24,650	2.50% DV	22/10/2003		18,684	467		6,434	18,216
440Mtr Starting Boxes	FA-0030	L'hoid Land & Building	24,702	2.50% DV	13/02/2004		18,873	472		6,301	18,401
Roof Between Sheds to Cover Ken	FA-0031	L'hoid Land & Building	2,500	2.50% DV	5/05/2004		1,920	48		628	1,872
Excavation to track	FA-0032	L'hoid Land & Building	4,840	2.50% DV	1/11/2009		4,274	107		675	4,167
Carport for 550m Boxes	FA-0033	L'hoid Land & Building	1,288	2.50% DV	6/10/2004		985	25		308	960
Site Inspection + Report	FA-0034	L'hoid Land & Building	495	2.50% DV	6/10/2004		436	11		70	425
New Sump	FA-0035	L'hoid Land & Building	850	2.50% DV	12/01/2005		665	17		201	649
Concreting	FA-0036	L'hoid Land & Building	1,282	2.50% DV	2/03/2005		1,005	25		302	980
Boxes - 600m Start	FA-0037	L'hoid Land & Building	24,650	2.50% DV	22/06/2005		19,492	487		5,646	19,004
Installation Costs for 600m Boxes	FA-0038	L'hoid Land & Building	1,188	2.50% DV	19/07/2005		941	24		270	918
Stencil Concrete in Parade Area	FA-0039	L'hoid Land & Building	800	2.50% DV	21/09/2005		636	16		180	620
Asphalt laid in Carpark	FA-0040	L'hoid Land & Building	4,545	2.50% DV	26/11/2005		3,633	91		1,003	3,542
2 Covers over Boxes	FA-0041	L'hoid Land & Building	1,956	2.50% DV	17/01/2006		1,553	39		422	1,514

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New Matting on 310,440, 530 & E FA-0042		L'hold Land & Building	6,200	2.50% DV	9/03/2006		4,992		125		1,333	4,867
Addit Material for Covers for Box FA-0043		L'hold Land & Building	2,320	2.50% DV	26/03/2006		1,871		47		496	1,824
Install Lighting 600m Boxes FA-0044		L'hold Land & Building	782	2.50% DV	28/03/2006		631		16		166	615
2 Carports over 310m & 600m bo FA-0045		L'hold Land & Building	900	2.50% DV	2/04/2006		725		18		193	707
Insulation of Kennels FA-0046		L'hold Land & Building	1,650	2.50% DV	23/02/2007		1,359		34		325	1,325
Corridor Renovation Bar/lounge FA-0047		L'hold Land & Building	3,700	2.50% DV	26/07/2007		3,085		77		692	3,008
Security Upgrade Tab/Bistro Door FA-0048		L'hold Land & Building	6,000	2.50% DV	1/07/2009		5,253		131		878	5,122
Security Upgrade FA-0049		L'hold Land & Building	693	2.50% DV	12/07/2009		607		15		100	592
Supply & install new toilets & tap FA-0050		L'hold Land & Building	8,840	2.50% DV	21/07/2009		7,750		194		1,283	7,557
Sand For Track FA-0051		L'hold Land & Building	39,317	0.00% DV	1/04/2010		38,825		-		492	38,825
Roof Works FA-0052		L'hold Land & Building	9,920	2.50% SL	20/06/2011		9,106		248		1,062	8,858
Painting FA-0053		L'hold Land & Building	28,200	2.50% SL	6/08/2011		25,977		705		2,928	25,272
Floor Tiles FA-0054		L'hold Land & Building	9,156	2.50% SL	27/07/2011		8,428		229		957	8,199
Door FA-0055		L'hold Land & Building	2,700	2.50% SL	27/07/2011		2,485		68		283	2,418
Parquetry Floor Works FA-0056		L'hold Land & Building	1,800	2.50% SL	21/08/2011		1,660		45		185	1,615
Capital Expenditure to 28/05/201 FA-0057		L'hold Land & Building	91,576	2.50% SL	28/05/2012		86,247		2,289		7,618	83,958
Capital Expenditure to 31/07/201 FA-0058		L'hold Land & Building	31,296	2.50% SL	31/07/2012		29,667		782		2,411	28,884
Stratco Outback cover - smokers FA-0059		L'hold Land & Building	10,809	2.50% SL	10/10/2012		10,275		270		804	10,005
Drainage Works - Between 310m FA-0060		L'hold Land & Building	21,000	2.50% SL	31/10/2012		19,993		525		1,532	19,468
Bushman 47950ltr Water tank & FA-0061		L'hold Land & Building	14,633	2.50% SL	30/04/2013		14,113		366		886	13,747
Gate compound for truck FA-0062		L'hold Land & Building	4,201	2.50% SL	31/05/2013		4,060		105		245	3,955
New Windows (Race Day Office) FA-0063		L'hold Land & Building	1,980	2.50% SL	20/08/2013		1,925		50		105	1,875
Freestanding Pergola FA-0064		L'hold Land & Building	6,982	2.50% SL	27/03/2014		6,807		175		349	6,633
Improvements - Shed FA-0065		L'hold Land & Building	979	2.50% DV	30/09/2014		979		24		25	954
Improvements - Fence FA-0066		L'hold Land & Building	1266	2.50% DV	30/09/2014		1266		32		32	1,234
Rapidset Concrete for Kennel Fen FA-0250		L'hold Land & Building	55	10.00% DV	9/10/2014			55	5		5	49
Galvanised clips FA-0251		L'hold Land & Building	7	6.67% DV	9/10/2014			7	0		0	6
Wire posts for kennels fencing FA-0252		L'hold Land & Building	350	10.00% DV	9/10/2014			350	34		34	316
Truck & Bobcat hire for fencing FA-0253		L'hold Land & Building	560	10.00% DV	21/10/2014			560	53		53	507
Bobcat hire and drill holes for fence FA-0254		L'hold Land & Building	240	10.00% DV	21/10/2014			240	23		23	217
Fence & shed FA-0255		L'hold Land & Building	690	10.00% DV	28/10/2014			690	64		64	626
Supply & concrete for empty out FA-0256		L'hold Land & Building	1,090	10.00% DV	10/11/2014			1,090	97		97	993
Shopfront window with sliding sa FA-0257		L'hold Land & Building	3,249	10.00% DV	10/11/2014			3,249	289		289	2,960
Carpet for office and kids room FA-0258		L'hold Land & Building	2,151	40.00% DV	28/01/2015			2,151	580		580	1,571
Tiles for toilets FA-0259		L'hold Land & Building	1,591	20.00% DV	26/02/2015			1,591	189		189	1,402
Mosaic Tiles FA-0260		L'hold Land & Building	2,273	20.00% DV	2/03/2015			2,273	265		265	2,007
Supply & install water taps (inside FA-0277		L'hold Land & Building	2,760	2.50% DV	11/05/2015			2,760	27		27	2,733
Semaphore Board Brickwork FA-0280		L'hold Land & Building	4,086	10.00% DV	8/09/2015			4,086	26		26	4,060
Total Leasehold Land & Building			2,296,144				1,356,381	19,100	39,761	-	960,425	1,335,719

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Name	Number	Type	Cost	Rate	Purchased	Disposed	1-Oct-14	Purchases	Depreciation	Disposals	Accum Dep	30-Sep-15
Chairs, Tables & Stools	FA-0066	Plant & Equip	3,343	7.05% DV	1/01/1990		219		15		3,139	204
Desk	FA-0067	Plant & Equip	146	7.50% DV	1/01/1990		9		1		137	9
Refrigerator	FA-0068	Plant & Equip	12,139	15.00% DV	1/01/1990		35		5		12,110	29
Carpet	FA-0069	Plant & Equip	4,032	11.25% DV	1/01/1990		55		6		3,983	49
Curtains	FA-0070	Plant & Equip	810	0.00% DV	1/01/1990		810					810
Heater	FA-0071	Plant & Equip	400	15.00% DV	1/01/1990		0				400	0
light Fittings	FA-0072	Plant & Equip	800	15.00% DV	1/01/1990		2		0		798	2
Colour TV	FA-0073	Plant & Equip	749	15.00% DV	1/01/1990		2		0		747	2
Kitchen Equipment	FA-0074	Plant & Equip	2,401	7.50% DV	1/01/1990		145		11		2,267	134
Security System	FA-0075	Plant & Equip	1,103	7.50% DV	1/01/1990		66		5		1,042	61
Desk& Table	FA-0076	Plant & Equip	1,122	7.50% DV	1/01/1990		68		5		1,059	63
Refrigerator	FA-0077	Plant & Equip	375	15.00% DV	1/01/1990		1		0		374	1
Air Conditioner	FA-0078	Plant & Equip	2,565	15.00% DV	1/01/1990		10		2		2,556	9
Vacuum Cleaners	FA-0079	Plant & Equip	200	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		0				200	0
Calculator	FA-0080	Plant & Equip	120	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		0				120	0
Freezer	FA-0081	Plant & Equip	300	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		0				300	0
Security Screens	FA-0082	Plant & Equip	600	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		1		0		599	1
Walkie Talkie	FA-0083	Plant & Equip	504	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		1		0		503	1
Stove	FA-0084	Plant & Equip	806	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		1		0		805	1
Hot Food Bar	FA-0085	Plant & Equip	500	17.00% DV	1/01/1990		3		1		497	3
Table & Chairs	FA-0086	Plant & Equip	2,420	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		4		1		2,416	4
Gas lighters	FA-0087	Plant & Equip	173	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		0				173	0
Printer	FA-0088	Plant & Equip	725	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		1		0		724	1
TV Monitors	FA-0089	Plant & Equip	3,057	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		6		1		3,052	5
Neon Signs	FA-0090	Plant & Equip	2,806	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		7		1		2,800	6
Refrigerator	FA-0091	Plant & Equip	270	22.50% DV	1/01/1990		4		1		1,912	3
Lawn Mower	FA-0092	Plant & Equip	1,915	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		4		1		1,912	3
Satellite Dish	FA-0093	Plant & Equip	1,000	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		2		0		998	2
Equipment	FA-0094	Plant & Equip	675	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		1		0		674	1
Fire Extinguishers	FA-0095	Plant & Equip	1,100	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		3		1		1,098	2
Track Feeding	FA-0096	Plant & Equip	1,100	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		3		1		1,098	2
Sound System	FA-0098	Plant & Equip	3,083	7.50% DV	1/01/1990		398		30		2,715	368
Kennel Bays	FA-0099	Plant & Equip	4,286	7.50% DV	1/01/1990		258		19		4,047	239
lighting	FA-0100	Plant & Equip	5,975	7.50% DV	1/01/1990		371		28		5,632	343
Ring Light Fittings	FA-0101	Plant & Equip	33,600	7.50% DV	1/01/1990		2,088		157		31,669	1,931
Switchboard	FA-0102	Plant & Equip	600	15.00% DV	1/01/1990		2		0		598	2
Bookmakers Stands	FA-0103	Plant & Equip	828	15.00% DV	1/01/1990		2		0		826	2
Notice Board	FA-0104	Plant & Equip	1,012	7.50% DV	1/01/1990		63		5		953	59
Ticket Box	FA-0105	Plant & Equip	95	8.50% DV	1/01/1990		5		0		90	5
Sprinkler System	FA-0106	Plant & Equip	150	17.70% DV	1/01/1990		0				150	0
Kennel	FA-0107	Plant & Equip	4,170	13.30% DV	1/01/1990		42		6		4,134	36
Sprinkler System	FA-0108	Plant & Equip	685	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		0				685	0
			659	20.00% DV	1/01/1990		0				659	0

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TV Antenna	FA-0109	Plant & Equip	146	20.00%	DV	1/01/1990	0	0	-	146	0	0
Furniture & Fittings	FA-0110	Plant & Equip	355	11.25%	DV	1/01/1990	17	340	2	340	15	15
Vacuum Cleaner	FA-0111	Plant & Equip	1,845	15.00%	DV	1/01/1990	35	1,816	5	1,816	29	29
Office Furniture	FA-0112	Plant & Equip	2,400	11.25%	DV	1/01/1990	129	2,400	15	2,285	115	115
Betting Ring Chairs	FA-0113	Plant & Equip	1,250	11.25%	DV	1/01/1990	67	1,250	8	1,191	59	59
Equipment	FA-0114	Plant & Equip	220	15.00%	DV	1/01/1990	4	216	1	216	4	4
Lure	FA-0115	Plant & Equip	8,000	18.00%	DV	1/01/1990	74	7,939	13	7,939	61	61
Microwave	FA-0116	Plant & Equip	818	27.00%	DV	1/01/1990	1	818	0	818	0	0
2 Heaters, Extension	FA-0117	Plant & Equip	598	18.00%	DV	1/01/1990	7	592	1	592	6	6
Chairs for Grounds	FA-0118	Plant & Equip	588	20.00%	DV	1/01/1990	4	584	1	584	4	4
AWA Video & TV,Kennels	FA-0119	Plant & Equip	1,370	30.00%	DV	1/01/1990	0	1,370	0	1,370	0	0
Kennel Scales	FA-0120	Plant & Equip	4,871	20.00%	DV	1/01/1990	40	4,839	8	4,839	32	32
Road Signs	FA-0121	Plant & Equip	500	20.00%	DV	1/01/1990	4	497	1	497	3	3
Lawn Mower	FA-0122	Plant & Equip	485	30.00%	DV	17/11/1993	0	485	-	485	0	0
Panic Bars & Steel Ladder	FA-0123	Plant & Equip	480	20.00%	DV	21/01/1994	4	476	1	476	4	4
Park Benches	FA-0124	Plant & Equip	1,094	20.00%	DV	2/02/1994	12	1,085	2	1,085	9	9
Cash Register, Bar	FA-0125	Plant & Equip	358	25.00%	DV	16/02/1994	1	357	0	357	1	1
Simulator Arm for Lure	FA-0126	Plant & Equip	345	20.00%	DV	12/05/1994	4	342	1	342	3	3
Printer & Computer Hardware	FA-0127	Plant & Equip	890	40.00%	DV	17/05/1994	0	890	-	890	0	0
Timing Equipment	FA-0128	Plant & Equip	1,725	20.00%	DV	22/03/1995	22	1,708	4	1,708	17	17
Second Hand Chairs	FA-0129	Plant & Equip	600	20.00%	DV	31/05/1995	8	594	2	594	6	6
Facsimile	FA-0130	Plant & Equip	995	30.00%	DV	20/12/1995	1	994	0	994	1	1
Cable Lure	FA-0131	Plant & Equip	39,247	20.00%	DV	18/07/1996	678	38,704	136	38,704	543	543
Fire System	FA-0132	Plant & Equip	430	20.00%	DV	7/03/1997	9	423	2	423	7	7
50 x Second Hand Chairs, Betting	FA-0133	Plant & Equip	2,000	20.00%	DV	11/04/1997	40	1,968	8	1,968	32	32
Whipper Snipper	FA-0134	Plant & Equip	520	20.00%	DV	26/04/1997	11	511	2	511	9	9
Monitoring Interface - Fire System	FA-0135	Plant & Equip	750	20.00%	DV	12/06/1997	15	738	3	738	12	12
3 EXIT Lights	FA-0136	Plant & Equip	700	20.00%	DV	12/06/1997	15	688	3	688	12	12
External Lighting & Installation	FA-0137	Plant & Equip	650	20.00%	DV	16/03/1997	13	639	3	639	11	11
Walkie Talkie	FA-0138	Plant & Equip	355	30.00%	DV	22/10/1997	0	354	0	354	0	0
Vertical Blinds	FA-0139	Plant & Equip	541	30.00%	DV	16/12/1997	1	540	0	540	1	1
Second Hand Scarifier - Straight T	FA-0140	Plant & Equip	650	20.00%	DV	23/02/1998	17	637	3	637	13	13
Metal Tables & Chairs Affixed	FA-0141	Plant & Equip	5,238	20.00%	DV	13/06/1998	138	5,127	28	5,127	111	111
Air Conditioner Preliminary Expens	FA-0142	Plant & Equip	1,000	20.00%	DV	8/08/1998	27	978	5	978	22	22
Glass Washer	FA-0143	Plant & Equip	2,138	20.00%	DV	16/08/1998	58	2,091	12	2,091	47	47
Fencing, Caretakers Shed	FA-0144	Plant & Equip	2,580	0.00%	DV	8/12/1998	2,580	-	-	-	2,580	2,580
Aircond. Heat Pumps Restaurant	FA-0145	Plant & Equip	38,753	20.00%	DV	11/11/1998	1,121	37,856	224	37,856	897	897
Second Hand Rubbish Vacuum	FA-0146	Plant & Equip	600	20.00%	DV	15/04/1999	19	585	4	585	15	15
Coffee Machine	FA-0147	Plant & Equip	490	20.00%	DV	23/06/1999	17	477	3	477	13	13
Ice Machine	FA-0148	Plant & Equip	2,380	20.00%	DV	23/06/1999	79	2,317	16	2,317	63	63
Hot Water System	FA-0149	Plant & Equip	1,015	20.00%	DV	14/08/1999	35	987	7	987	28	28
Cash Register	FA-0150	Plant & Equip	850	20.00%	DV	29/06/2000	35	822	7	822	28	28
Vacuum Cleaner	FA-0151	Plant & Equip	408	20.00%	DV	2/08/2000	17	394	3	394	14	14
Track Signage	FA-0152	Plant & Equip	3,045	20.00%	DV	13/10/2000	135	2,937	27	2,937	108	108
Track Levelling Implement	FA-0153	Plant & Equip	1,290	20.00%	DV	27/02/2001	63	1,240	13	1,240	50	50
PASystem	FA-0154	Plant & Equip	5,352	20.00%	DV	17/07/2001	281	5,127	56	5,127	225	225
Semaphore Board	FA-0155	Plant & Equip	55,906	20.00%	DV	18/09/2001	3,052	53,465	610	53,465	2,441	2,441

Name	Number	Type	Cost	Rate	Purchased	Disposed	1-Oct-14	Purchases	Depreciation	Disposals	Accum Dep	30-Sep-15
Alarm System Kennels	FA-0156	Plant & Equip	450	20.00%	DV	28/05/2002	29	6	427	23	1,464	80
50% deposit-Railing in Function Rr	FA-0157	Plant & Equip	1,545	20.00%	DV	24/06/2002	100	20	1,465	81	1,465	81
Balance, Railing	FA-0158	Plant & Equip	1,545	20.00%	DV	17/07/2002	101	13	947	53	947	53
Cabinets - Betting and Vets Room	FA-0159	Plant & Equip	1,000	20.00%	DV	19/07/2002	66	11	800	45	800	45
New Storeroom, Kennels	FA-0160	Plant & Equip	845	20.00%	DV	20/08/2002	56	4	284	16	284	16
Computer, Stewards Room	FA-0161	Plant & Equip	900	20.00%	DV	19/09/2002	20	14	849	54	849	54
2 x Two Way Radios	FA-0162	Plant & Equip	903	20.00%	DV	8/03/2003	68	42	2,516	167	2,516	167
New Computer System and Setup	FA-0163	Plant & Equip	2,683	20.00%	DV	11/04/2003	209	9	519	35	519	35
2 x TV's and Video for Steward &	FA-0164	Plant & Equip	555	20.00%	DV	21/05/2003	44	13	716	52	716	52
Compressor - New Starting Boxes	FA-0165	Plant & Equip	768	20.00%	DV	7/08/2003	65	180	9,826	720	9,826	720
Closed Circuit TV System for Kenn	FA-0166	Plant & Equip	10,545	20.00%	DV	18/09/2003	900	137	3,192	2,608	3,192	2,608
Lighting- Kennel Upgrade	FA-0167	Plant & Equip	5,800	5.00%	DV	18/09/2003	2,746	15	363	293	363	293
Vet Ramp- Kennels	FA-0168	Plant & Equip	656	5.00%	DV	30/09/2003	309	319	17,224	1,276	17,224	1,276
Taro Ride on Mower	FA-0169	Plant & Equip	18,500	20.00%	DV	7/10/2003	1,595	14	729	54	729	54
New Compressor 530Mtr-Boxes	FA-0170	Plant & Equip	783	20.00%	DV	15/10/2003	68	12	660	49	660	49
Signs Starting Boxes	FA-0171	Plant & Equip	709	20.00%	DV	20/10/2003	61	13	689	53	689	53
Cover for Compressor	FA-0172	Plant & Equip	742	20.00%	DV	5/12/2003	67	10	527	41	527	41
1 x New Radio	FA-0173	Plant & Equip	568	20.00%	DV	17/12/2003	52	15	762	61	762	61
Compressor 440 Mtr Starting Box	FA-0174	Plant & Equip	824	20.00%	DV	10/02/2004	77	24	1,155	95	1,155	95
Install Doors in Kennel Block	FA-0175	Plant & Equip	1,250	20.00%	DV	4/03/2004	119	11	494	42	494	42
Welder	FA-0176	Plant & Equip	536	20.00%	DV	11/05/2004	53	78	3,540	310	3,540	310
Irrigation Pump	FA-0177	Plant & Equip	3,850	20.00%	DV	9/06/2004	388	14	533	58	533	58
Griller, Canteen	FA-0178	Plant & Equip	591	20.00%	DV	19/04/2005	72	21	741	83	741	83
Pilot Air Compressor,K17/12	FA-0179	Plant & Equip	824	20.00%	DV	22/06/2005	104	13	460	54	460	54
Computer Upgrade - on Draw Cor	FA-0180	Plant & Equip	514	20.00%	DV	11/08/2005	67	7	1,432	11	1,432	11
laptop & Software	FA-0181	Plant & Equip	1,443	40.00%	DV	27/01/2006	18	40	1,228	161	1,228	161
TV for Betting Ring	FA-0182	Plant & Equip	1,389	20.00%	DV	27/01/2006	202	15	450	61	450	61
Vets Table with Rubber Matting	FA-0183	Plant & Equip	511	20.00%	DV	7/03/2006	76	111	2,745	445	2,745	445
Zebra P11 Oi Card Printing Machii	FA-0184	Plant & Equip	3,190	20.00%	DV	26/11/2006	556	102	27,003	102,997	27,003	102,997
Sky DVN Links Installation	FA-0185	Plant & Equip	130,000	2.50%	DV	1/02/2007	105,638	2,641	2,345	410	2,345	410
Water Tank	FA-0186	Plant & Equip	2,755	20.00%	DV	6/03/2007	512	101	2,322	406	2,322	406
Golf Buggy	FA-0187	Plant & Equip	2,727	20.00%	DV	7/03/2007	507	16	345	62	345	62
2/Hand Cash Register - Bar	FA-0188	Plant & Equip	409	20.00%	DV	20/04/2007	78	90	1,935	360	1,935	360
Water Tank Excavation & Connect	FA-0189	Plant & Equip	2,295	20.00%	DV	5/06/2007	450	85	1,855	340	1,855	340
Canon Photocopier	FA-0190	Plant & Equip	2,195	20.00%	DV	17/05/2007	426	136	2,455	545	2,455	545
Deep Fryer	FA-0191	Plant & Equip	3,000	20.00%	DV	30/01/2008	681	13	2,405	13	2,405	13
Office PC	FA-0192	Plant & Equip	2,418	50.00%	DV	27/02/2008	27	184	12,270	276	12,270	276
Power Rake	FA-0193	Plant & Equip	12,545	40.00%	DV	19/03/2008	460	928	21,303	2,784	21,303	2,784
Tractor CK35	FA-0194	Plant & Equip	24,086	25.00%	DV	19/03/2008	3,711	10	586	14	586	14
Tractor Cover	FA-0195	Plant & Equip	600	40.00%	DV	21/05/2008	24	42	481	275	481	275
Air conditioner	FA-0196	Plant & Equip	756	13.33%	DV	8/09/2008	318	5	629	5	629	5
Camera VK Pentax K200D	FA-0197	Plant & Equip	634	50.00%	DV	25/09/2008	10	33	502	133	502	133
Projector Acer	FA-0198	Plant & Equip	635	20.00%	DV	25/09/2008	166	55	510	497	510	497
Compressor for 530m Boxes	FA-0199	Plant & Equip	1,007	10.00%	DV	17/01/2009	552	54	4,905	54	4,905	54
Security System	FA-0200	Plant & Equip	4,959	50.00%	DV	25/02/2009	109	10	825	10	825	10
Security Cameras	FA-0201	Plant & Equip	835	50.00%	DV	24/03/2009	19	404	4,220	2,629	4,220	2,629
Water Truck	FA-0202	Plant & Equip	6,849	13.33%	DV	15/01/2009	3,033					

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LG 42 Inch HD LCD TV	FA-0203	Plant & Equip	1,227	40.00%	DV	1/07/2009	86	34	1,176	51	1,176	51
LG 42 Inch HD LCD TV	FA-0204	Plant & Equip	1,227	40.00%	DV	1/07/2009	86	34	1,176	51	1,176	51
Laptop MS Office	FA-0205	Plant & Equip	1,308	40.00%	DV	12/07/2009	93	37	1,253	56	1,253	56
Hot Water Cistern Bistro	FA-0206	Plant & Equip	1,450	30.00%	DV	21/07/2009	229	69	1,289	161	1,289	161
Installation of TV's	FA-0207	Plant & Equip	400	40.00%	DV	1/08/2009	29	12	383	17	383	17
Asko Dishwasher	FA-0208	Plant & Equip	1,107	40.00%	DV	21/05/2009	73	29	1,063	44	1,063	44
Deep Freezer	FA-0209	Plant & Equip	582	20.00%	DV	18/12/2009	201	40	421	161	421	161
Vacuum Cleaner	FA-0210	Plant & Equip	431	50.00%	DV	14/06/2010	23	12	420	12	420	12
Acer Laptop	FA-0211	Plant & Equip	904	66.67%	DV	30/05/2010	9	6	901	3	901	3
Compressor600m Boxes	FA-0212	Plant & Equip	1,086	40.00%	DV	13/05/2010	119	48	1,015	71	1,015	71
TV for Betting Ring	FA-0213	Plant & Equip	572	50.00%	DV	30/04/2010	28	14	558	14	558	14
Wood Heater & Installation for B	FA-0214	Plant & Equip	4,764	20.00%	DV	2/07/2010	1,855	371	3,280	1,484	3,280	1,484
LCD TV (Betting Ring)	FA-0215	Plant & Equip	700	20.00%	DV	26/10/2010	292	58	467	233	467	233
Semaphore Board	FA-0216	Plant & Equip	26,493	20.00%	DV	15/12/2010	11,409	2,282	17,366	9,127	17,366	9,127
Garage Roller Door	FA-0217	Plant & Equip	4,105	15.00%	DV	2/12/2010	2,207	331	2,228	1,876	2,228	1,876
Diesel Tank & Pump	FA-0218	Plant & Equip	1,363	0.00%	DV	5/04/2011	1,350	-	13	1,350	13	1,350
Vacuum	FA-0219	Plant & Equip	570	20.00%	DV	5/09/2011	288	58	339	230	339	230
Swift Push Mower	FA-0220	Plant & Equip	527	30.00%	DV	9/09/2011	177	53	403	124	403	124
Sprinkler System	FA-0221	Plant & Equip	6,470	20.00%	DV	25/05/2011	3,078	616	4,007	2,463	4,007	2,463
Carpet	FA-0222	Plant & Equip	20,566	25.00%	DV	29/06/2011	8,117	2,029	14,478	6,088	14,478	6,088
Mazda Truck SWY261	FA-0223	Plant & Equip	6,500	25.00%	DV	13/07/2011	2,592	648	4,556	1,944	4,556	1,944
Chairs	FA-0224	Plant & Equip	1,295	20.00%	DV	25/07/2011	639	128	784	511	784	511
Bins	FA-0225	Plant & Equip	409	20.00%	DV	25/07/2011	202	40	248	161	248	161
12 Tables	FA-0226	Plant & Equip	770	20.00%	DV	2/08/2011	381	76	465	305	465	305
2 Tub Chairs	FA-0227	Plant & Equip	1,128	20.00%	DV	17/08/2011	563	113	677	451	677	451
2 Lounges with 2 Coffee Tables	FA-0228	Plant & Equip	692	20.00%	DV	17/08/2011	346	69	445	276	445	276
TV	FA-0229	Plant & Equip	945	20.00%	DV	23/08/2011	474	95	566	379	566	379
TV	FA-0230	Plant & Equip	945	20.00%	DV	23/08/2011	474	95	566	379	566	379
Backup Security System	FA-0231	Plant & Equip	1,268	15.00%	DV	3/06/2012	871	131	528	741	528	741
Air Conditioning	FA-0232	Plant & Equip	9,818	15.00%	DV	9/12/2011	6,230	935	4,523	5,296	4,523	5,296
Computer	FA-0233	Plant & Equip	3,227	66.67%	DV	30/01/2012	199	132	3,161	66	3,161	66
Collroom Upgrade	FA-0234	Plant & Equip	5,900	20.00%	DV	31/12/2011	3,208	642	3,333	2,567	3,333	2,567
Motor Vehicle	FA-0235	Plant & Equip	4,500	20.00%	DV	1/01/2012	2,449	490	2,541	1,959	2,541	1,959
Slasher	FA-0236	Plant & Equip	2,200	20.00%	DV	31/01/2012	1,220	244	1,224	976	1,224	976
Chest Freezer - for Kennels	FA-0237	Plant & Equip	397	15.00%	DV	12/02/2013	306	46	137	260	137	260
Fujitsu Reverse Cycle Air Conditio	FA-0238	Plant & Equip	3,145	15.00%	DV	7/04/2013	2,479	372	1,038	2,107	1,038	2,107
New security box and 4 x cameras	FA-0239	Plant & Equip	726	30.00%	DV	17/04/2013	439	132	419	307	419	307
New computer for office incl. mic	FA-0240	Plant & Equip	973	37.50%	DV	28/04/2013	511	191	654	319	654	319
Vacuum Cleaner	FA-0241	Plant & Equip	466	15.00%	DV	26/06/2013	381	57	143	323	143	323
Cameras in Kennels & Camera Cal	FA-0242	Plant & Equip	2,345	30.00%	DV	20/08/2013	1,586	476	1,235	1,110	1,235	1,110
Trophy Cabinet	FA-0243	Plant & Equip	375	10.00%	DV	22/08/2013	334	33	74	301	74	301
Cash Register	FA-0244	Plant & Equip	536	20.00%	DV	6/02/2014	467	93	163	374	163	374
Safety Rail for track	FA-0245	Plant & Equip	34,842	40.00%	DV	11/02/2014	25,831	10,332	19,344	15,499	19,344	15,499
Scanner for Kennels	FA-0246	Plant & Equip	1,770	20.00%	DV	24/03/2014	1,541	308	537	1,233	537	1,233
Camera for Kennels	FA-0247	Plant & Equip	260	50.00%	DV	7/07/2014	175,945	88	172	88	172	88
New Kennels	FA-0248	Plant & Equip	114	20.00%	DV	7/07/2014	99	20	35	79	35	79
Improvement - Power	FA-0249	Plant & Equip	3,090	15.00%	DV	17/07/2014	2,722	408	777	2,313	777	2,313

Name	Number	Type	Cost	Rate	Purchased	Disposed	1-Oct-14	Purchases	Depreciation	Disposals	Accum Dep	30-Sep-15
Laptop for RDO	FA-0261	Plant & Equip	423	66.67% DV	21/10/2014			423	266		266	156
PA System	FA-0262	Plant & Equip	3,227	20.00% DV	13/11/2014			3,227	569		569	2,658
Straight trade gate	FA-0263	Plant & Equip	900	13.33% DV	18/12/2014			900	94		94	806
Bushman's 46400 LTR tank	FA-0264	Plant & Equip	5,909	20.00% DV	28/01/2015			5,909	797		797	5,112
Trial software	FA-0265	Plant & Equip	3,150	20.00% DV	9/02/2015			3,150	404		404	2,746
Installation of tank, supply & pull	FA-0266	Plant & Equip	800	20.00% DV	23/02/2015			800	96		96	704
Tool box & scrubber	FA-0267	Plant & Equip	454	20.00% DV	11/03/2015			454	51		51	403
Card printer & ribbons	FA-0268	Plant & Equip	2,233	28.57% DV	16/03/2015			2,233	348		348	1,885
Freezer	FA-0269	Plant & Equip	473	10.00% DV	15/04/2015			473	22		22	451
Security System Deposit	FA-0270	Plant & Equip	3,222	50.00% DV	21/04/2015			3,222	719		719	2,502
Trenching for Security System	FA-0271	Plant & Equip	908	50.00% DV	11/05/2015			908	178		178	730
Bobcat for security system	FA-0272	Plant & Equip	1,500	50.00% DV	12/05/2015			1,500	292		292	1,208
Main pmt for security system	FA-0273	Plant & Equip	9,665	50.00% DV	2/06/2015			9,665	1,602		1,602	8,063
Electrical work for security system	FA-0274	Plant & Equip	300	50.00% DV	23/06/2015			300	41		41	259
Welder	FA-0275	Plant & Equip	714	20.00% DV	24/06/2015			714	39		39	675
Security System Camera	FA-0276	Plant & Equip	1,195	50.00% DV	29/06/2015			1,195	154		154	1,041
TV for lounge and play room and	FA-0278	Plant & Equip	1,697	40.00% DV	4/08/2015			1,697	108		108	1,589
Commander Phone System - Payo	FA-0279	Plant & Equip	1,845	30.00% DV	19/08/2015			1,845	65		65	1,779
Total Plant & Equipment			765,849				225,058	38,613	36,028	-	558,204	227,644

Notes to the Financial Statements
Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc.
For the year ended 30 September 2015

1. Statement of Significant Policies:

The directors' have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the company is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial reports. This financial report is therefore a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in order to meet the needs of members. The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies disclosed below which the directors have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise. The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of this report are as follows:

1.(a) Income Tax:

The income tax expense for the year comprises current income tax expense. The company does not apply deferred tax. Current income tax expense charged to the profit or loss is the tax payable on taxable income calculated using applicable income tax rates enacted, or substantially enacted, as at reporting date. Current tax liabilities are therefore measured at the amounts expected to be paid to the relevant taxation authority.

1.(b) Inventories:

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned on a first-in, first-out basis and include direct materials, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead expenses.

1.(c) Property, Plant and Equipment:

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost, independent of directors' valuation. All assets, excluding freehold land and buildings, are depreciated over their useful lives to the company. Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited to a revaluation reserve in shareholders' equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves directly in equity; all other decreases are charged to the profit and loss. Each year the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the asset charged to the profit and loss and depreciation based on the asset's original cost is transferred from the revaluation reserve to retained earnings. The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted in determining recoverable amounts.

1.(d) Provisions:

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at reporting date.

1.(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

1.(f) Trade Receivables and Other Receivables:

Trade receivables and other receivables, including distributions receivable, are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money. If required a provision for doubtful has been created.



ACT
Government

Chief Minister, Treasury and
Economic Development

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TRIM: BM16/1840

To: Minister for Racing and Gaming

- Chief Minister *MB*

Cc: Minister for Transport Canberra and City Services

Subject: Decision to ban greyhound racing in the ACT

Critical date and reason

- 1) For information as requested.

Recommendations

- 2) That you note the information in this brief.

NOTED/PLEASE DISCUSS

Mick Gentleman MLA

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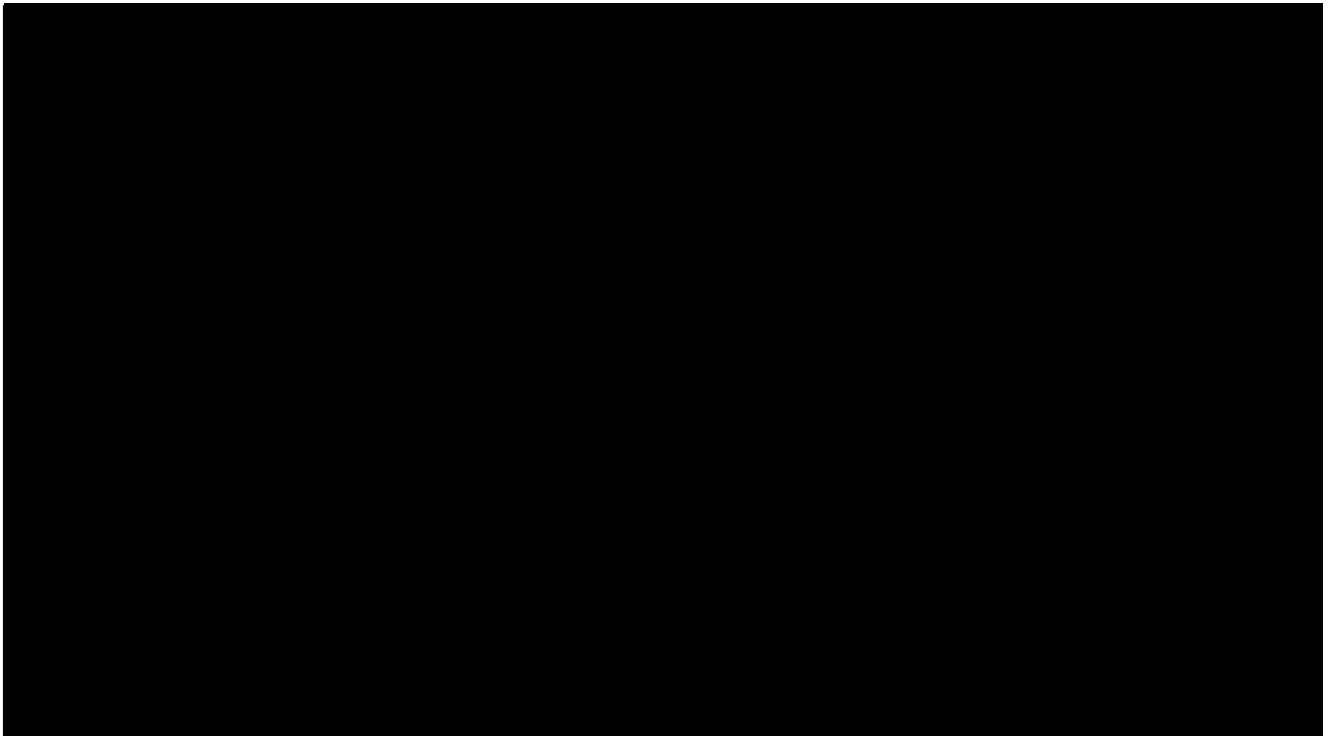
Supporting Reasoning

NSW Decision to ban greyhound racing

- 3) The Honourable Michael McHugh AC QC was appointed by the NSW Government on 6 May 2015 to inquire into the Greyhound Racing Industry in NSW following the exposure of wide-spread live baiting practices and animal cruelty.
- 4) On 7 July 2016 the NSW Government announced it would shut down the industry and legislation would be prepared and introduced into Parliament to ban greyhound racing in NSW.
- 5) A 12 month transition to shutdown in NSW will allow appropriate management of animal welfare and transition for industry participants. Greyhound racing will be permitted until 1 July 2017.
- 6) An administrator will be appointed to run Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) during the transition to shutdown, after which GRNSW will be dissolved.
- 7) Protection of animal welfare, humane treatment and minimisation of animal deaths will be the NSW Government's priority through this transition with the NSW Government has engaged the RSPCA NSW to assist with this.
- 8) The number of participants located in the ACT is so small that it would not be practical or financially viable for the greyhound racing to continue in the ACT when operations cease in NSW.

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- Participants of greyhound racing in the ACT are primarily located in NSW.
- Greyhound Racing NSW undertakes licenses all ACT trainers and dogs and also investigates matters relevant to ACT racing.



Legislative Implications in the ACT

13) The legislative amendments required to ban greyhound racing in the ACT will be straightforward. The following ACT legislation will need to be amended:

- *Racing Act 1999* – Repeal Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc as a controlling body
 - Consequential amendments to remove greyhound racing from the Racing Act and associated regulations.
- *Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001*
 - amend Race and Sports Bookmaking (Rules for Sports Bookmaking) Determination 2015 (No 2) – DI2015-105.

Timing

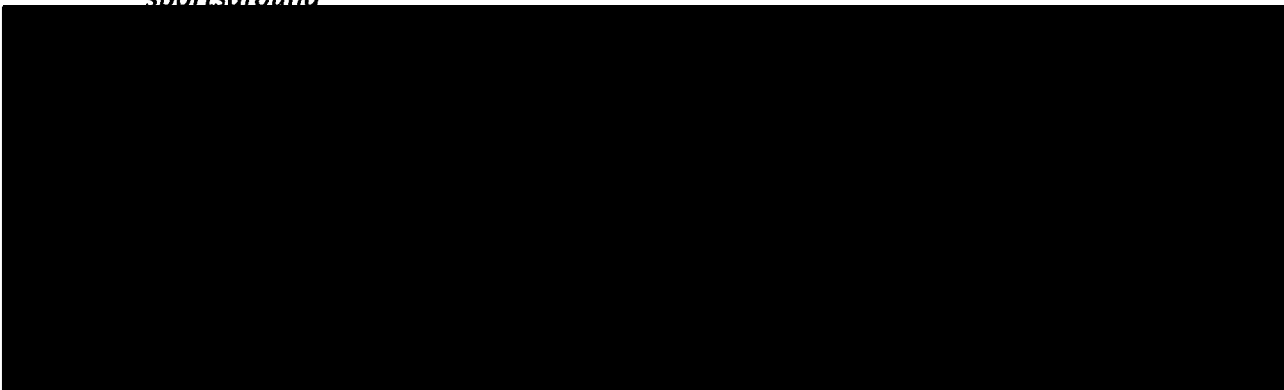
- 14) It is considered appropriate to have a date of effect of 1 July 2017. This ties in with the NSW timing and also aligns with the cessation of the current MOU on 30 June 2017.
- 15) The following is proposed to progress the legislative amendments:
- amendments to the Racing Act could be drafted and brought forward for consideration by Cabinet following the ACT election; and
 - amendments could be introduced to the Assembly with a delayed commencement date (in line with the expiry of the MoU with ACT Racing Industry on 30 June 2017).
- 16) It is also proposed that the ACT Government work with the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc (CGRC) to develop an industry assistance package in 2017 taking into account the NSW work.

Future funding redirection

- 17) Grant funding is in the budget for all racing clubs into the out years, with an increase based on CPI less 0.5 percentage points.
- It is possible that the greyhounds racing share of this (roughly \$1 million per annum) could be used to fund an assistance package for the industry.

Leasehold

- 18) The site of the greyhound track (Jerrabomberra block 1255 or SYMONSTON: Block 2, Section 107) is leased to the CGRC on a 50 year concessional lease which is due to expire on 22 November 2027.
- 19) The land is 10.98 hectares (109,853m²) and is located on the corner of Jerrabomberra Avenue and Narrabundah Lane (behind the Geoscience building)
- 20) The lease is a rental lease with payment of 4 per cent of the site value. The purpose of this land is for:
- *“a greyhound racecourse and ancillary facilities and subsidiary thereto a sportsground”*



Additional information

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club

- 23) The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has been operating in the ACT for 36 years.
- 24) The CGRC has 400 participants in the ACT but the club has 148 members.
- 25) The Club conducts trials twice a week, with the club hosting at least 44 race meets per year. Local races are broadcast weekly on Sky1 or Sky2 racing channels.
- 26) The Club employs 2 full time employees and 20 casuals, plus several contractors (eg Veterinarian's). The Club's annual wages are in excess of \$250,000.
- 27) The Canberra Times reported that "the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club began its dogged fight for survival with the first meeting in the ACT or NSW since the ban was announced on Thursday.
Subzero Izmir won the first race of the 12-race meet, having made the trip across the border from Cootamundra, in front of a crowd of about 100 people on Sunday."
(Canberra Times 11 July 2016)

Regulation of ACT Greyhound Racing Industry

- 28) While the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission (the Commission) is responsible for the regulation of gambling activities and associated matters under the Racing Act 1999, the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club, under the auspices of Greyhounds Australasia, is responsible for the conduct of greyhound racing, the registration of owners and trainers and the control of race day activities under their Rules of Racing.
- 29) In controlling greyhound racing in the ACT, the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has a reciprocal arrangement with Greyhound Racing NSW to licence all ACT trainers and to investigate matters relevant to ACT racing.
- 30) The Commission administers the Racing Act 1999 (the Act). Broadly speaking, the Act provides for the establishment of controlling bodies within the ACT for the three codes of racing, and provides for them to be the controlling bodies in respect of their particular codes. The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc is responsible for greyhound racing in the ACT under the Act.

- 31) As a controlling body, Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc may adopt rules that allow for the conduct of greyhound racing within the jurisdiction. This includes ensuring the appropriate conduct of owners and trainers. As part of this arrangement, it is understood that all trainers who participate in greyhound racing in the ACT are licensed through Greyhound Racing NSW.
- 32) The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has responsibilities under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to conduct its operations professionally and within the Territory's laws.

Implementing the Removal of Greyhound Racing

- 33) NSW have advised they will announce a detailed industry shutdown plan during the second half of 2016 following consultation with stakeholders in industry and animal welfare organisations. The plan will include:
- A welfare plan for existing greyhounds;
 - A support package for industry participants; and
 - A transition arrangement for existing Greyhound Racing NSW assets that will ensure they are used for open public space, alternative sporting facilities or other community use.
- 34) The ACT could develop similar arrangements to the NSW plan to give the greyhound industry, and public generally, confidence that the Government is assisting during this transition. Given the regulatory relationship with Greyhound Racing NSW, and the public exposure, there will be much to learn from the approach NSW will take.

Greyhound Racing Statistics

- 35) Attachment A provides some statistics on greyhound racing in Australasia (Source: <http://www.galtd.org.au/industry/australasian-statistics>). The following should be noted when reading these statistics:
- **Licences** - all greyhound licences for ACT residents are managed by NSW. Prior to 2010 there were between 150 and 200 licensed persons in the ACT.
 - **Owners** - prior to 2009 there were between 40 and 50 owners in the ACT.
 - **Trainers** – there are around 20 local trainers in the ACT. Prior to 2010 there were between 20 and 30 trainers.
 - **Owner/trainers** - prior to 2009 there were between 70 and 80 owner/trainers in the ACT. In 2009 and 2010 there were 18.

Greyhound Breeders in the ACT

- 36) Greyhound Racing NSW advised the CGRC in November 2015 that there were three registered breeders with kennels located in the ACT.

Bookmakers

37) Whilst any Race Bookmaker licensed in the ACT can attend any race meet at any of the Thoroughbreds, Harness or Greyhounds, recently only one has been attending the Greyhound meets.

Other Jurisdictions

38) NSW – banning greyhound racing from 1 July 2017

- Will be allowing clubs to keep the property to use for other purposes
- The NSW opposition has stated they will fight against the banning of greyhound racing

39) Victoria – has no plans to follow NSW to ban greyhound racing. They have stated they will continue the clean-up of the sport, after three investigations into the sport in Victoria.

40) Tasmania – will not automatically follow NSW (& the ACT) but will consider the findings of a Parliamentary Committee report into the Tasmanian greyhound industry

41) South Australia – has no plans to follow NSW to ban greyhound racing. They believe the industry in SA is a good one

42) Queensland – has no plans to follow NSW to ban greyhound racing. The sport will continue but with “continued vigilance on animal welfare”.

43) Western Australia – will “digest and any implications specific to WA would be considered in due course”

44) Northern Territory – their position is currently unknown.

Consultation and Communication

45) Transport Canberra and City Services and Access Canberra have provided input into this brief.

Financial

46) The ACT Government provides over \$8 million per annum to the racing industry with around \$1 million of this going to greyhound racing (a further \$1 million to harness racing and \$6 million to thoroughbred horse racing).

47) Given the ACT Government intends banning greyhound racing from 1 July 2017 (in line with NSW) and is honoring the MOU, the greyhound industry will receive the \$1 million for 2016-17. After 1 July 2017 this funding (\$1 million) could be used for other, but related, purposes such as to assist with the re-homing of greyhounds, or assist those within the Industry.

Management of Other Risks

48) Most risks associated with this decision are currently being played out in NSW. Economic Development will continue to monitor the NSW situation and consider their

impacts on the ACT. However we consider that the ACT should commit to the proposed timeframe because it aligns with our MOU.

- 49) The Domestic Animal Services section of TCCS has advised that there is a potential risk that dogs will be "dropped off" to them or the RSPCA as a sign of protest. Members from Domestic Animal Services met with Animal Welfare groups on 14 July 2016.
- 50) A number of newspaper articles have been published which identify greyhound owners and trainers from around the region who will be severely affected by this decision, even though they do not reside in the ACT.
- 51) However, we should continue to note that there are only a small number of owners and trainers in the ACT.

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Date: 15 July 2016

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Australasian Greyhound Racing Statistics

Source: <http://www.galtd.org.au/industry/australasian-statistics>

Number of Meetings

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	44	1,253	452	50	349	157	1,089	565	309	4,268
2014	44	1,282	447	51	351	157	1,059	574	309	4,321
2013	44	1,298	426	50	352	158	1,002	542	307	4,192
2012	44	1,333	425	53	318	160	931	526	296	4,086
2011	44	1,380	406	51	321	154	933	488	288	4,068
2010	43	1,384	368	51	322	157	869	544	285	4,065

Number of Races Held

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	484	12,422	5,396	293	3,683	1,615	13,494	5,360	3,627	46,374
2014	484	13,150	5,381	306	3,646	1,601	12,578	5,467	3,582	46,195
2013	440	13,225	5,288	282	3,964	1,636	11,771	5,128	3,650	45,384
2012	440	13,916	5,024	312	3,973	1,662	10,752	4,993	3,558	44,630
2011	422	14,209	4,879	255	3,284	1,547	10,607	4,567	3,489	43,259
2010	387	14,231	4,204	311	3,213	1,568	9,994	5,152	3,472	42,532

Number of Starters

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	3,850	94,222	42,628	2,122	28,414	12,477	100,241	41,467	27,728	353,149
2014	3,754	95,732	42,358	2,227	28,435	12,417	97,605	49,977	27,605	360,110
2013	3,684	101,659	41,310	1,653	20,425	12,756	90,990	38,751	28,255	339,756
2012	3,455	106,155	39,221	2,150	19,499	12,933	83,758	37,768	27,717	332,656
2011	2,954	107,276	37,822	1,653	24,857	12,057	82,735	33,775	27,291	330,429
2010	2,780	106,577	33,625	2,103	24,285	12,208	78,950	37,861	27,179	323,575

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	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	764.9	23,030.6	TBA	290.4	6,743.0	3,818.2	41,814.8	13,002.5	11,561.6	TBA
2014	724.1	23,237.0	11,528.5	326.8	6,197.0	3,792.4	41,767.0	5,273.5	11,380.3	104,226
2013	549.1	22,604.3	10,444.3	264.7	5,756.3	3,967.7	37,764.4	10,358.0	9,871.1	101,580
2012	468.4	22,468.4	9,102.3	297.6	5,503.0	3,751.5	30,384.0	9,499.1	8,837.4	90,312
2011	424.0	22,210.5	8,727.5	217.7	4,810.0	3,248.7	26,904.0	7,767.1	8,464.4	82,774
2010	344.0	20,939.3	9,100.0	194.0	4,361.0	3,116.2	25,450.0	7,715.6	8,684.8	79,905

Number of Clubs

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	1	34	11	1	6	3	13	7	3	79
2014	1	34	11	1	6	3	13	7	3	79
2013	1	34	10	1	6	3	13	7	3	78
2012	1	35	10	1	8	3	13	7	3	81
2011	1	35	10	1	8	3	13	7	3	81
2010	1	35	10	1	9	3	13	7	3	82

Licensed Persons (Total)

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	N/A	6,268	TBA	74	1,620	681	14,199	TBA	2,460	TBA
2014	N/A	8,017	1,370	149	1,749	637	11,800	4,147	2,663	N/A
2013	N/A	4,129	1,107	68	1,797	645	12,256	5,781	2,440	N/A
2012	N/A	4,841	1,191	61	1,850	584	13,151	5,354	2,112	N/A
2011	N/A	5,267	872	59	1,842	546	14,625	5,099	2,343	N/A
2010	N/A	N/A	1,409	65	1,901	534	14,513	4,991	1,919	N/A

Owners (includes syndicates)

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	N/A	5,952	664	35	1,262	301	10,810	2,752	2,100	23,876
2014	N/A	7,623	925	97	1,385	267	9,840	2,905	2,276	N/A
2013	N/A	N/A	653	40	1,313	291	8,980	3,853	2,014	N/A
2012	N/A	N/A	717	37	1,654	258	10,236	3,689	1,707	N/A
2011	N/A	N/A	486	37	1,442	289	10,824	3,340	2,011	N/A
2010	N/A	N/A	821	43	1,492	267	10,780	2,995	1,605	N/A

Trainers

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	N/A	1,470	70	14	206	140	2,604	TBA	76	TBA
2014	N/A	1,419	78	17	214	135	2,763	490	82	5,316
2013	N/A	1,432	89	14	200	133	2,772	524	84	5,248
2012	N/A	1,589	84	12	218	128	2,273	553	83	4,940
2011	N/A	1,595	75	12	216	126	2,962	1,073	86	6,145
2010	N/A	1,553	70	12	210	129	2,970	1,143	86	6,173

Owner/Trainers

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	N/A	1,846	161	11	151	70	incl in trainers	TBA	169	TBA
2014	N/A	1,744	172	16	148	80	incl in trainers	381	182	N/A
2013	N/A	2,082	183	incl in owners	149	79	incl in trainers	435	188	N/A
2012	N/A	1,755	198	incl in owners	172	78	incl in trainers	477	181	N/A
2011	N/A	2,330	173	incl in owners	171	77	incl in trainers	N/A	211	N/A
2010	18	2,329	296	incl in owners	184	69	incl in trainers	N/A	207	3,085

Attendants

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	9	1,098	TBA	14	1	39	638	TBA	115	TBA
2014	10	1,004	195	19	2	137	412	371	123	2,273
2013	11	1,170	186	14	3	151	594	438	154	2,721
2012	12	942	186	12	13	139	642	496	141	2,583
2011	10	1,342	138	10	13	42	839	506	35	2,925
2010	10	1,233	222	10	15	45	763	647	21	2,956

Greyhounds Named

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	0	5,645	608	0	375	307	3,691	1,265	449	12,340
2014	0	5,317	747	0	408	300	3,661	1,533	424	12,390
2013	0	6,141	638	0	360	340	4,553	1,362	438	13,832
2012	0	5,689	472	0	380	341	3,888	1,603	401	12,774
2011	0	5,491	480	0	349	289	3,820	1,451	400	12,280
2010	0	6,595	1,100	0	415	241	3,665	1,564	374	13,954

Litters Registered

	ACT	NSW	NZ	NT	SA	TAS	VIC	QLD	WA	TOTAL
2015	0	1,232	137	3	105	93	1,029	426	118	3,143
2014	0	1,248	142	1	94	112	952	474	86	3,109
2013	0	1,069	146	0	99	80	1,003	354	100	2,851
2012	0	1,148	158	0	91	94	937	312	80	2,820
2011	0	1,276	136	0	89	87	994	350	91	3,023
2010	0	1,306	146	0	90	82	1,083	369	117	3,193

Maclean, Natalie

From: Goth, Kathy
Sent: Tuesday, 19 July 2016 5:36 PM
To: Clarke, Jason
Cc: Monger, Brett; Maclean, Natalie; Wilson, Chris
Subject: Save the dogs brief as requested [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
Attachments: BM16-xxx Save the Dogs Campaign by CGRC.doc; Attachment A.pdf; Attachment B.doc

Hi Jason

As promised please find the information we prepared last week in a brief format for your meeting tomorrow.

Regards

Kathy



ACT
Government

Chief Minister, Treasury and
Economic Development

TRIM: BM16/924

To: Minister for Racing and Gaming

Subject: Save the Dogs Campaign by the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club

Critical date and reason

1. Nil. For information as requested by your Office.

Recommendations

2. That you note the information in this brief.

NOTED/PLEASE DISCUSS

Mick Gentleman MLA / /

Supporting Reasoning

3. Following the announcement on 7 July 2016 by the ACT Government that following the findings from the Special Commission of Inquiry into the NSW Greyhound Industry Report, it is untenable for the Government to continue allowing, and financially supporting the practice of greyhound racing, the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club (CGRC) has launched the 'Save the Dogs' campaign.
4. The campaign has been received electronically via email to greyhound racing participants and supporters in Canberra. A copy of the email is at **Attachment A**.
5. The campaign seeks to highlight the facts and truth about greyhound racing, including CGRC's focus to have the highest possible animal welfare standards. The campaign focuses on the five most common anti-greyhound racing lies (according to the CGRC):
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 - d. RSPCA – there are only 12 trainers in the ACT; and
 - e. RSPCA – no financial and unviable benefit to the ACT.
6. The campaign then states the 'Truth' against each of these five lies (again according to the CGRC).
7. The Strategy Program and Design Branch within Economic Development have researched these five lies and provided responses at **Attachment B**.
8. The campaign states that if you disagree with the NSW and ACT Government's decisions to ban greyhound racing then to show support you should contact your

local member. It then has details of the members of the ACT Government and NSW Government's of which member you should contact.

9. For the ACT Government it urges supporters to contact Chief Minister Andrew Barr, Animal Welfare Minister Meegan Fitzharris and yourself as Racing and Gaming Minister.
10. The campaign also urges supporters to listen to radio show 2CC Rod Hadley supporting the greyhound industry and welcomes supporters to attend then greyhound track to sign the petition.

Consultation and Communication

11. None.

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Save The Dogs

OUR INDUSTRY IS BEING ATTACKED BY PEOPLE PUSHING LIES AND INACCURACIES

IT IS VITAL WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TO PROMOTE THE FACTS AND TRUTHS ABOUT GREYHOUND RACING, INCLUDING OUR FOCUS TO HAVE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS.

BELOW ARE SOME OF THE MOST COMMON LIES AT THE CENTRE OF THE ANTI-GREYHOUND CAMPAIGN.

THE FACTS AND COUNTER ARGUMENTS YOU NEED TO PROMOTE ARE BELOW, SO YOU CAN CORRECT THE RECORD.

CGRC HAVE LOBBIED THE GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE ANIMAL CRUELTY PENALTIES, AND HAVE TRIED TO WORK WITH THE RSPCA. WE HAVE TRIED ON THREE OCCASIONS TO MEET WITH THE RSPCA TO BUILD A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP ON RAISING ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS, BUT THEY HAVE REFUSED.

Last Thursday was a historical day when the NSW Government decided to ban greyhound racing – and the ACT Government stating they would follow their lead.

Why do you need to get the true facts, and support your local greyhound track?

BECAUSE:

- RSPCA - In the United States, 40 of 50 states have banned greyhound racing.
- Truth - Only 2 States Idaho and Arizona have banned greyhound racing. All other States train, breed and race greyhounds (they simply have not permitted pari-mutuel legislation in these states)
- Inquiry Report - Wastage 48,000 – 68,000 in 12 years missing/slaughtered
 - Truth – The exaggerated figure is a result of outdated and unusual administration and data collection. Statistics have only been recorded for the last 14 months. Greyhound Racing NSW and Greyhounds Australasia both confirm they did not keep accurate records of retired and non-racing greyhound's whereabouts. (Approximately 10,000 greyhounds could end up euthanized by the

RSPCA on and after July 2017) This figure is estimated by participants, taking into account that participants with minimal greyhounds will keep them as pets. This is why we are working so hard to prevent this sudden and unfair shutting down of our industry.

- Inquiry Report - 20% of greyhound trainers are still live baiting, stated by one of the two participants caught live baiting in NSW.
- Truth - 20% is around 365 trainers, where are they. There has not been 1 reported case by GRNSW or any other State of live baiting in 14 months. The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has never had any incidents of live baiting or animal cruelty in it's existence. In fact, if any participant was found to breach standards, they would face life expulsion from the sport.
- RSPCA - There are only 12 trainers in the ACT
- Truth - The ACT has around 400 registered participants – owners, trainers, attendants, educators, handlers. The ACT does not have enough rural land, so many ACT participants move to the outer areas in NSW and close to the ACT so that they can have greyhounds. These NSW participants came from the ACT.
- RSPCA – No financial and unviable benefit to the ACT
- Truth- For every \$1 invested into the sport in the ACT, there is a \$1.80 return to the ACT economy. We also support over 50 jobs directly and indirectly.

We need your help!

First, if you believe that the NSW & ACT Government made the wrong decision to ban greyhound racing, show your support of us to:

Chief Minister Andrew Barr - BARR@act.gov.au

([http://shoutout.wix.com/so/9LNTtojJ/click?](http://shoutout.wix.com/so/9LNTtojJ/click?w=LS0tDQo2ZjRhM2UxOS00YzA1LTQ3YjltOTQwOS04ZmI4ZjNjNGYzZTMNCm1haWx0b2pCQVJSJiM2NDthY3QuZ292LmF1DQotLS0)

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Animal Welfare Minister Meegan Fitzharris - FITZHARRIS@act.gov.au

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NSW residents can contact their local members:

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As our customer, suppliers, friends and family I urge you to listen to 2CC Rad
 Hadley supporting our industry, and also this below podcast of Mark Duclos.

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I have attached a long explanation written by a participant of why this industry
 must continue, if you have the time to read this you will be on your way to
 understanding the greyhound industry.

If you wish to support our industry you are more than welcome to come to the track and sign our petition.

Regards

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Save the Dogs Campaign

Question	Truth as per the Save the Dogs Campaign	Strategy and Program Design Research/Comment
RSPCA – in the United States, 40 of 50 states have banned greyhound racing	Only 2 States (Idaho and Arizona) have banned greyhound racing. All other States train, breed and race greyhounds (they simply have not permitted pari-mutuel legislation in these states)	The NSW fact sheet states that: <i>Greyhound racing has also been banned in the vast majority of States in the United States of America. According to advice the Commission received in April 2016, in the USA only 19 dog tracks remain in six US states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Iowa and West Virginia. The last greyhound track in Texas closed on 1 January 2016. In mid-May, 2016, the Arizona legislature legislated to ban greyhound racing in that state by the end of 2016, making it the 40th state in the USA to do so. This information is easy to verify online.</i>
Inquiry Report – wastage 48,000-68,000 in 12 years missing/slaughtered	The exaggerated figure is a result of outdated and unusual administration and data collection. Statistics have only been recorded for the last 14 months. Greyhound Racing NSW and Greyhounds Australasia both confirm they did not keep accurate records of retired and non-racing greyhound's whereabouts. (Approximately 10,000 greyhounds could end up euthanized by the RSPCA on and after July 2017) This figure is estimated by participants, taking into account that participants with minimal greyhounds will keep them as pets. This is why we are working so hard to prevent this sudden and unfair shutting down of our industry.	SPD agree that it is hard to quantify how many dogs are killed each year as there are no real statistics. Our previous research into this matter has made estimates of greyhounds that are "unaccounted for" and these estimates are in line with the Inquiry report. Our work was based on the number of registered litters for particular breeders/kennels and compared to the number that is then actually registered as racing dogs. The statistics have been sourced from the Greyhounds Australasia website. There are limitations with this method because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The numbers of puppies per litter can vary considerably; • Some of the unaccounted for puppies may have been re-homed; • It is not compulsory to register dogs; and • It doesn't take into account the greyhounds already racing in the industry which eventually retire or the small percentage that are euthanized. However the assumptions made in our estimates were conservative so the Inquiry Report numbers do not appear to be unrealistic.
Inquiry Report – 20% of greyhound trainers are still live baiting, stated by one of the two participants caught live baiting in NSW	20% is around 365 trainers, where are they. There has not been 1 reported case by GRNSW or any other State of live baiting in 14 months. The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has never had any incidents of live baiting or animal cruelty in its existence. In fact, if any participant was found to breach standards, they would face life expulsion from the sport.	Unable to comment as we do not regulate the industry or have a close association with it. The ACT can only go off practices in NSW.
RSPCA – there are only 12 trainers in the ACT	The ACT has around 400 registered participants – owners, trainers, attendants, educators, handlers. The ACT does not have enough rural land, so many ACT participants move to the outer areas in NSW and close to the ACT so that they can have greyhounds. These NSW participants came from the ACT.	Greyhound Racing NSW licence all ACT trainers and to investigate matters relevant to ACT racing. We would need to get details from them to verify which trainers live in the ACT, however the RSPCA number might be correct, and the CGRC have not specifically said it is incorrect. We know that many of the members of the CGRC and participants live in the surrounding NSW region rather than the ACT. SPD estimated that there were around 20 local trainers in the ACT, but the RSPCA are closer to the industry and have more up to date information. Prior to 2010 there were between 20 and 30 trainers in the ACT. Also of note that as of February 2016, the CGRC had 151 members and employs 8 full time equivalent employees consisting of: two full time staff; 20 casuals; and local contractors for steward, veterinarian, vision and accountant services. More up to date numbers will be available once we get their AGM/annual reports from Access Canberra who have requested them from the club.
RSPCA – no financial and unviable benefit to the ACT	For every \$1 invested into the sport in the ACT, there is a \$1.80 return to the ACT economy. We also support over 50 jobs directly and indirectly.	The industry could be viewed as unviable because it cannot be sustained without funding from the ACT Government. This \$1 investment figure is from the ICRC report and did not directly relate to the return of greyhound racing in Canberra. It was a collated figure for all three race codes. The report estimated that for every \$1 dollar reduction in the local racing industry (of which greyhound is a part), the ACT's economic output would fall by \$1.42-\$1.86. In relation to jobs – we have that as of February 2016, the Club had 151 members and employs 8 full time equivalent employees consisting of: two full time staff; 20 casuals; and local contractors for steward, veterinarian, vision and accountant services. Other jobs that they would support indirectly are the trainers/owners/kennel staff and businesses such as those responsible for dog food, veterinary services whilst not racing. Therefore stating that they support 50 jobs could be true, however it should be noted that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this is relatively low when compared to the \$1million per annum in funding it receives from the Government; and • there are only two full time jobs that relate directly to this industry.



Minister: Gentleman
Date: 25 July 2016

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM 8: Greyhound racing latest developments – NSW/ACT
(ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION)
ISSUE: Future of Greyhound Racing in ACT

KEY MESSAGES:

- On 7 July 2016, the NSW Government announced they will be banning greyhound racing effective from 1 July 2017.
- On 7 July 2016, the ACT Government announced that following the findings of from the Special Commission of Inquiry into the NSW greyhound racing industry:
 - *“.. it is untenable for the ACT Government to continue allowing, and financially supporting the practice of greyhound racing in the ACT”;*
 - *“Mr Barr said his government would consider the findings of the report before announcing a process to ban the sport in Canberra. It is not clear when the sport will be banned, but it is likely to match the NSW deadline of mid-2017.”*
- The proposed date of effect is 1 July 2017. This ties in with the NSW timing and also aligns with the cessation of the current MOU on 30 June 2017.
- The ACT Government currently provides grants to the Racing Industry of around \$8 million per annum. Of this, the Greyhound Industry receives around \$1 million per annum. The funding provided for 2016-17 will be honoured.
 - It is possible that the industry would not be a viable concern if the grant is withdrawn at the end of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 1 July 2017.
 - This is supported by a Canberra Times article from 14 February 2016 where Debbie Collier, the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Secretary admitted *“the club would not be able to operate without the \$1 million government subsidy, she said the club generated a further \$700,000 to cover prizemoney and it was moving towards self-sustainability as international betting grew”.* (Attachment A)
- The ACT Gambling and Racing Commission (the Commission) is responsible for the regulation of gambling activities and associated matters under the Racing Act 1999, the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club, under the auspices of Greyhounds Australasia, is responsible for the conduct of greyhound racing, the registration of owners and trainers and the control of race day activities under their Rules of Racing.
 - The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has a reciprocal arrangement with Greyhound Racing NSW to licence all ACT trainers and to investigate matters relevant to ACT racing.

- The number of participants located in the ACT is so small that it would not be practical or financially viable for the greyhound racing to continue in the ACT when operations cease in NSW.
 - Participants of greyhound racing in the ACT are primarily located in NSW.
 - On 25 July 2016, the Canberra Liberals announced that they would not ban greyhound racing in the ACT until an independent inquiry examines whether mistreatment is occurring locally.
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Background information:

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club

- The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has been operating in the ACT for 36 years.
- The Club has 400 participants in the ACT but the club has 148 members.
- The Club conducts trials twice a week, with the club hosting at least 44 race meets per year. Local races are broadcast weekly on Sky1 or Sky2 racing channels.
- The Club employs 8 full-time equivalent employees consisting of: 2 full time employees and 20 casuals, plus several contractors (eg Veterinarian's). The Club's annual wages are in excess of \$250,000.

Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Media

- Since the announcement the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club have launched a number of media campaigns to fight the potential ban in the Territory, mainly focusing on the perfect record of caring for greyhounds and that no allegations have ever been reported to authorities in the ACT.
- The Clubs website has a number of messages which have also been distributed on Facebook as at Attachment B.
- The Club also launched a 'Save the Dogs' campaign which was received electronically via email to greyhound racing participants and supporters in Canberra and surrounds. A copy of the email is at Attachment C with comments to the campaigns messages at Attachment D.

Greyhound Racing Statistics

- Licences - all greyhound licences for ACT residents are managed by NSW. Prior to 2010 there were between 150 and 200 licensed persons in the ACT
- Owners - prior to 2009 there were between 40 and 50 owners in the ACT. In 2009 the statistics show there were 168 – unsure if this is an error)
- Trainers – there are around 20 local trainers in the ACT. Prior to 2010 there were between 20 and 30 trainers
- Owner/trainers - prior to 2009 there were between 70 and 80 owner/trainers in the ACT. In 2009 and 2010 there were 18
- (Source: <http://www.galtd.org.au/industry/australasian-statistics>)

Other Jurisdictions



- NSW – banning greyhound racing from 1 July 2017
 - i. Will be allowing clubs to keep the property to use for other purposes
 - ii. The NSW opposition have stated they will fight against the banning of greyhound racing
- Victoria – has no plans to follow NSW to ban greyhound racing. They have stated they will continue the clean-up of the sport, after three investigations into the sport in Victoria.
- Tasmania – will not automatically follow NSW (& the ACT) but will consider the findings of a Parliamentary Committee report into the Tasmanian greyhound industry
- South Australia – has no plans to follow NSW to ban greyhound racing. They believe the industry in SA is a good one
- Queensland – has no plans to follow NSW to ban greyhound racing. The sport will continue but with “continued vigilance on animal welfare”.
- Western Australia – will “digest and any implications specific to WA would be considered in due course”
- NT – their position is currently unknown

Action officer: **Natalie MacLean**

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Date: 26 July 2016

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Canberra Greyhound Racing Club lobbyist attempts meeting with RSPCA over ban

Clare Colley

Published: February 14, 2016 - 11:30PM

A lobbyist working for the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has denied trying to ambush the RSPCA into meeting with representatives from the embattled sports body after calls for a ban in the ACT.

Kel Watt said he approached RSPCA chief executive Tammy Ven Dange to meet on Monday with him, club senior vice-chairman Garry Harriden and secretary Debbie Collier in a bid to "build a positive relationship", invite RSPCA staff to inspect the club's facilities and discuss ways of improving animal welfare at the site.

But Ms Ven Dange said she was unaware club representatives would be present when she agreed to what she thought was an informal "chat" with Mr Watt; until approached by *The Canberra Times* on Sunday.

After failed attempts to set up a meeting last year, after revelations of live baiting in the industry, Ms Ven Dange said she would be "very happy" to meet with the club, but her staff were unprepared for Monday.

"I'm really surprised. If it was done intentionally it would be very unprofessional, if it was done through lack of communication I'm disappointed that would be our first interaction," she said.

"I don't want to waste anyone's time by meeting and not having anything to say."

But Mr Watt said he had been "very clear" about who he was bringing to the meeting when he arranged it with RSPCA staff after contacting Ms Ven Dange directly early last week before he began work for the club.

Seeking RSPCA expertise to build a \$20,000 off-leash socialisation yard at the club's Symonston track for trainers and members of the public to use, is among "a whole range of things" on the table to promote animal welfare, he said.

"At least we had the courtesy to contact and advise and put positive things on the table, it's about far from an ambush as you can get."

Mr Watt said the club had felt ambushed after the RSPCA made public accusations of animal cruelty and mistreatment at a rally calling for greyhound racing to be banned in the ACT without approaching its members and despite there being no recorded instances and no complaints made against the ACT club.

But Ms Ven Dange said she couldn't "see the point" of contacting the club before calling for the ban because few members lived in the ACT.

The RSPCA and ACT Greens MP Shane Rattenbury have called for the sport to be banned because of concerns over animal welfare and the \$1 million government subsidy used to sustain the industry.

Mr Watt said Ms Ven Dange may be attempting to back out of the meeting, after finding out the RSPCA claims failed to stand up, but he hoped the confusion was a case of miscommunication.

Club secretary Debbie Collier said out about 31 trainers lived in the ACT and 80 came from outside the area, and there had been "zero" instances of animal cruelty or complaints in the club's 37-year history.

She said every ACT trainer had "excellent results" from Greyhound Racing NSW's recent kennel inspections and the ACT was ahead of other states in rules and regulations, including the introduction of random drug swabbing before races and a \$36,000 plastic safety rail, both initiated in 2013.

Although Ms Collier admitted the club would not be able to operate without the \$1 million government subsidy, she said the club generated a further \$700,000 to cover prizemoney and it was moving towards self-sustainability as international betting grew.

"In the last 12 months [international race fields] has gone from \$1100 a quarter to \$14,000," she said.

Ms Ven Dange said the RSPCA would never take money from the racing club and there was little to inspect at the club's track, but she didn't rule out working with the club.

Ms Collier said the club was not approached by the RSPCA after the live-baiting scandal, but hoped for joint support to lobby the ACT government to increase the \$22,000 animal cruelty penalty.

This story was found at: <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/canberra-greyhound-racing-club-lobbyist-attempts-meeting-with-rspca-over-ban-20160214-gmsv2c.html>



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Greyhound Fact



In its 37 years of operation the Canberra Greyhound Club has a perfect record of caring for animals. No allegations have ever been reported to authorities.


Shutting the club down for doing nothing wrong is unfair.

Making the decision without talking to the club members or checking facts is unfair.

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ACT Chief Minister
Andrew Barr's decision to
shut down greyhound
racing will destroy 50
local jobs and take an
additional \$1.8 million
out of the ACT economy.

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Greyhound Facts

in Canberra

The RSPCA campaign to shut down greyhound racing is based on **BIG LIES.**

<p>FALSE CLAIM #1: Provides no economic benefit to the ACT community</p> <p><i>A BIG Lie</i></p>	<p>FACT Greyhound racing directly contributes \$1.8 million into the ACT economy each year.</p> <p>Over 100 jobs are directly and indirectly supported by the Canberra Greyhound Club.</p> <p><i>The Truth</i></p>
<p>FALSE CLAIM #2: Is surviving only because of significant government subsidies</p> <p><i>WRONG!</i></p>	<p>FACT The Canberra Greyhound Club has provided industry for 37 years and has provided significant employment opportunities for many people in the ACT. An independent audit is released annually each year.</p> <p><i>The Truth</i></p>
<p>FALSE CLAIM #3: Primarily supports participants from NSW</p> <p><i>Another BIG Lie</i></p>	<p>FACT Over 100 jobs are from the ACT, just like most sport, training and entertainment in Canberra. The Club also has a great amount of members from surrounding NSW.</p> <p>If the ACT Government claimed every Canberra greyhound was from NSW, NSW would have to claim every dog would fold.</p> <p><i>The Truth</i></p>
<p>FALSE CLAIM #4: Is not regulated by our local government</p> <p><i>Completely False!</i></p>	<p>FACT Greyhound racing is heavily regulated by an AQIC, the Racing Act, the Gambling and Racing Control Act, the Animal Welfare Act and a Code of Conduct.</p> <p>The ACT has two Ministers with direct responsibility: the Minister for Racing and the Minister for Animal Welfare.</p> <p><i>The Truth</i></p>
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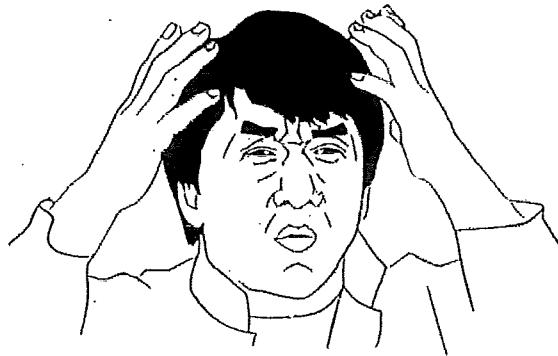
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Greyhound Fact

ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr and Racing Minister Mick Gentleman say they will shut down greyhound racing in the ACT.



ACT legislation says only an independent inquiry can make that recommendation.
Section 5.3 Gambling & Racing Control Act



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Save The Dogs

OUR INDUSTRY IS BEING ATTACKED BY PEOPLE PUSHING LIES AND INACCURACIES

IT IS VITAL WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TO PROMOTE THE FACTS AND TRUTHS ABOUT GREYHOUND RACING, INCLUDING OUR FOCUS TO HAVE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS.

BELOW ARE SOME OF THE MOST COMMON LIES AT THE CENTRE OF THE ANTI-GREYHOUND CAMPAIGN.

THE FACTS AND COUNTER ARGUMENTS YOU NEED TO PROMOTE ARE BELOW, SO YOU CAN CORRECT THE RECORD.

CGRC HAVE LOBBIED THE GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE ANIMAL CRUELTY PENALTIES, AND HAVE TRIED TO WORK WITH THE RSPCA. WE HAVE TRIED ON THREE OCCASIONS TO MEET WITH THE RSPCA TO BUILD A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP ON RAISING ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS, BUT THEY HAVE REFUSED.

Last Thursday was a historical day when the NSW Government decided to ban greyhound racing – and the ACT Government stating they would follow their lead.

Why do you need to get the true facts, and support your local greyhound track?

BECAUSE:

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We need your help!

First, if you believe that the NSW & ACT Government made the wrong decision to ban greyhound racing, show your support of us to:

Chief Minister Andrew Barr - BARR@act.gov.au

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As our customer, suppliers, friends and family I urge you to listen to 2CC Rad Hadley supporting our industry, and also this below podcast of Mark Duclos.

<http://www.skyracing.com.au/index.php?>

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I have attached a long explanation written by a participant of why this industry must continue, if you have the time to read this you will be on your way to understanding the greyhound industry.

Save the Dogs Campaign

Question	Truth as per the Save the Dogs Campaign	Strategy and Program Design Research/Comment
RSPCA – in the United States, 40 of 50 states have banned greyhound racing	Only 2 States, Idaho and Arizona have banned greyhound racing. All other States train, breed and race greyhounds (they simply have not permitted pari-mutuel legislation in these states)	The NSW fact sheet states that: <i>Greyhound racing has also been banned in the vast majority of States in the United States of America. According to advice the Commission received in April 2016, in the USA only 19 dog tracks remain in six US states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Iowa and West Virginia. The last greyhound track in Texas closed on 1 January 2016. In mid-May, 2016, the Arizona legislature legislated to ban greyhound racing in that state by the end of 2016, making it the 40th state in the USA to do so. This information is easy to verify online.</i>
Inquiry Report – wastage 48,000-68,000 in 12 years missing/slaughtered	The exaggerated figure is a result of outdated and unusual administration and data collection. Statistics have only been recorded for the last 14 months. Greyhound Racing NSW and Greyhounds Australasia both confirm they did not keep accurate records of retired and non-racing greyhounds' whereabouts. (Approximately 10,000 greyhounds could end up euthanized by the RSPCA on and after July 2017) This figure is estimated by participants, taking into account that participants with minimal greyhounds will keep them as pets. This is why we are working so hard to prevent this sudden and unfair shutting down of our industry.	SPD agree that it is hard to quantify how many dogs are killed each year as there are no real statistics. Our previous research into this matter has made estimates of greyhounds that are "unaccounted for" and these estimates are in line with the inquiry report. Our work was based on the number of registered litters for particular breeders/kennels and compared to the number that is then actually registered as racing dogs. The statistics have been sourced from the Greyhounds Australasia website. There are limitations with this method because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The numbers of puppies per litter can vary considerably; • Some of the unaccounted for puppies may have been re-homed; • It is not compulsory to register dogs; and • It doesn't take into account the greyhounds already racing in the industry which eventually retire or the small percentage that are euthanized. However the assumptions made in our estimates were conservative so the Inquiry Report numbers do not appear to be unrealistic.
Inquiry Report – 20% of greyhound trainers are still live baiting, stated by one of the two participants caught live baiting in NSW	20% is around 365 trainers, where are they. There has not been 1 reported case by GRNSW or any other State of live baiting in 14 months. The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has never had any incidents of live baiting or animal cruelty in its existence. In fact, if any participant was found to breach standards, they would face life expulsion from the sport.	Unable to comment as we do not regulate the industry or have a close association with it. The ACT can only go off practises in NSW. Greyhound Racing NSW licence all ACT trainers and to investigate matters relevant to ACT racing. We would need to get details from them to verify which trainers live in the ACT, however the RSPCA number might be correct, and the CGRC have not specifically said it is incorrect. We know that many of the members of the CGRC and participants live in the surrounding NSW region rather than the ACT. SPD estimated that there were around 20 local trainers in the ACT, but the RSPCA are closer to the industry and have more up to date information. Prior to 2010 there were between 20 and 30 trainers in the ACT. Also of note that as of February 2016, the CGRC had 151 members and employs 8 full time equivalent employees consisting of: two full time staff, 20 casuals; and local contractors for steward, veterinarian, vision and accountant services. More up to date numbers will be available once we get their AGM/annual reports from Access Canberra who have requested them from the club.
RSPCA – there are only 12 trainers in the ACT	The ACT has around 400 registered participants – owners, trainers, attendants, educators, handlers. The ACT does not have enough rural land, so many ACT participants move to the outer areas in NSW and close to the ACT so that they can have greyhounds. These NSW participants came from the ACT.	The industry could be viewed as unviable because it cannot be sustained without funding from the ACT Government. This \$1 investment figure is from the ICRC report and did not directly relate to the return of greyhound racing in Canberra. It was a collated figure for all three race codes. The report estimated that for every \$1 dollar reduction in the local racing industry (of which greyhound is a part), the ACT's economic output would fall by \$1.42-\$1.86. In relation to jobs – we have that as of February 2016; the Club had 151 members and employs 8 full time equivalent employees consisting of: two full time staff, 20 casuals; and local contractors for steward, veterinarian, vision and accountant services.
RSPCA – no financial and unviable benefit to the ACT	For every \$1 invested into the sport in the ACT, there is a \$1.80 return to the ACT economy. We also support over 50 jobs directly and indirectly.	Other jobs that they would support indirectly are the trainers/owners/kennel staff and businesses such as those responsible for dog food, veterinary services whilst not racing. Therefore stating that they support 50 jobs could be true, however it should be noted that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this is relatively low when compared to the \$1million per annum in funding it receives from the Government ; and • there are only two full time jobs that relate directly to this industry.

From: Maclean, Natalie
Sent: Monday, 1 August 2016 4:30 PM
To: Goth, Kathy
Cc: McDonald, Helen; Avell, Pamela; Monger, Brett
Subject: RE: URGENT REQUEST [redacted] greyhound campaign [DLM=Sensitive]
Attachments: [redacted]

Hi Kathy,

[redacted]

2) In relation to the Greyhound Campaign:
((There is no Section 5.3 of the *Gambling and Racing Control Act 1999*, therefore we cannot comment on what information the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club (CGRC) is exactly referring to.

However we might want to include:

- the ACT Government is currently considering the findings of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Greyhound Racing Industry in NSW; and
- the ACT Government is currently reviewing its Terms of Reference into the Review of the Memorandum of Understanding with the ACT Racing Clubs to include the impacts and feasibility of the Canberra Greyhound Racing Industry in light of the NSW ban on greyhound racing.
 - This is particularly important as in controlling greyhound racing in the ACT, the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has a reciprocal arrangement with Greyhound Racing NSW to licence all ACT trainers and to investigate matters relevant to ACT racing

Also please note that I did look at the *Racing Act 1999* and there is a Section 5.3 which refers to an inquiry. I have pasted the relevant section below noting that I am not sure if this is what the CGRC is referring to and would need to get some further advice from our Legislation colleagues for the exact interpretation and consequences of this section:

((In the *Racing Control Act 1999* - 5 Licensed racecourses

- (1) A racecourse is a licensed racecourse in relation to a controlling body or an ARO if approved as such by the commission on an application by the body or ARO.
- (2) A racecourse that was nominated by the ARO under section 34 (1) (c) (ii) is approved as a licensed racecourse in relation to the ARO.
- (3) The commission may revoke approval of a licensed racecourse in relation to a controlling body or an ARO—
 - (a) at the request of the controlling body or ARO concerned; or
 - (b) after determining by an inquiry that the approval should be revoked.

Cheers
Nat

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Please note that I only work on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's.

From: ¹⁴⁸ Cross, Narelle
Sent: Monday, 1 August 2016 2:41 PM
To: Goth, Kathy
Cc: McDonald, Helen; Avell, Pamela; Monger, Brett; Maclean, Natalie
Subject: URGENT REQUEST: [REDACTED] greyhound campaign [DLM=Sensitive]
Importance: High

Hi Kathy

Please see the below urgent request for information. Is SPD happy to bring together this advice?

Kind Regards

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Sent: Monday, 1 August 2016 2:33 PM
To: Cross, Narelle
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] greyhound campaign

Would we be able to get this info as soon as is possible please?

So sorry about the late notice I totally missed the email.

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From: McLennan, Logan
Sent: Monday, 25 July 2016 2:37 PM
To: Clarke, Jason
Subject: [REDACTED] and greyhound campaign

[REDACTED]

Also, you have you seen these Canberra Greyhounds Facts materials? It says Section 5.3 of the Gambling and Racing control Act says only an independent inquiry can recommend shutting down the greyhound industry.

I've had a look in the Act and I couldn't find anything that says that, do you know what they are talking about?

Thanks, Logan.

Canberra Greyhounds 2 Follow

@Canberra_Labor shut down of #greyhoundracing illegal. Bad decision made worse. #savegreyhoundracing #actpol #auspol

Greyhound Fact

ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr and Racing Minister Mick Gentleman say they will shut down greyhound racing in the ACT.



ACT legislation says only an independent inquiry can make that recommendation. Section 5.3 Gambling & Racing Control Act



CanberraGreyhoundFacts.com.au #SaveGreyhoundRacing

Greyhound Facts in Canberra

The RSPCA campaign to shut down greyhound racing is based on
5 BIG LIES.

<p>FALSE CLAIM #1: Provides no economic benefits to the ACT community. A BIG LIE</p> <p>FALSE CLAIM #2: Is serving the interests of the ACT government. WRONG!</p> <p>FALSE CLAIM #3: Formerly supported and operated from NSW. Another BIG LIE</p> <p>FALSE CLAIM #4: Is not regulated by our local government. Completely False!</p> <p>FALSE CLAIM #5: Has a national reputation for animal welfare. Biggest Lie of All!</p>	<p>FACT: Greyhound racing brings approximately \$1.8 million into the ACT economy each year. ACT leaders know this.</p> <p>FACT: Over 20 local people are directly and indirectly employed by the Canberra Greyhound Club.</p> <p>FACT: The Canberra Greyhound Club has operated profitably for 27 years and has invested in self education and capital works while using money for better programs. An independent audit is released publicly each year.</p> <p>FACT: Over 400 participants are from the ACT, but the most sport, charity and community groups in Canberra (the Club) also has a small amount of members from surrounding NSW.</p> <p>FACT: If the ACT Government closed every community organisation with members in NSW those very ones would fold.</p> <p>FACT: Greyhound racing is heavily regulated by an MTC, the Racing Act, the Gambling and Racing Control Act, the Animal Welfare Act and a Code of Ethics Law.</p> <p>FACT: The ACT has full legislative and direct responsibility in the Minister for Racing and the Minister for Animal Welfare.</p> <p>FACT: Canberra Greyhounds has a perfect record of protecting animals and fighting cruelty.</p> <p>FACT: In its entire 27 years of operation not a single allegation has ever been reported. No breaches of animal welfare have ever occurred.</p>
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Document 18: pages 150-152 - Exempted

Section 6 – Certain agencies are exempt – ACT Government Solicitor

Section 42 – Documents subject to legal professional privilege

Document 19: page 153 - Exempted

Section 35 – Documents of the Executive

Maclean, Natalie

From: Cross, Narelle
Sent: Thursday, 11 August 2016 12:33 PM
To: Tennent, Simon
Cc: McDonald, Helen; Morris, Dorena; MACC; Dolan, Fiona; Avell, Pamela; Monger, Brett; Maclean, Natalie
Subject: RE: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST: Greyhounds [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Thank you All.

The talking points and attachments have been provided direct to Minister Gentleman's Office noting Simon's approval as the doorstop is about to commence.

Kind Regards

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Sent: Thursday, 11 August 2016 12:22 PM
To: McDonald, Helen
Cc: Cross, Narelle
Subject: FW: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST: Greyhounds [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Importance: High

From: Tennent, Simon
Sent: Thursday, 11 August 2016 12:07 PM
To: MACC
Cc: Ponton, Ben; Dawes, David; Dolan, Fiona; Mason, SarahJ; Avell, Pamela; Monger, Brett; Thompson, Bruce; Redden, Sarah; Maclean, Natalie
Subject: FW: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST: Greyhounds [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Importance: High

Hi MACC

As requested, attached are the talking points and attachments for Minister Gentleman.

Cheers

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From: Monger, Brett
Sent: Thursday, 11 August 2016 12:03 PM
To: Tennent, Simon
Cc: Avell, Pamela
Subject: FW: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST: Greyhounds [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Importance: High

Simon,

Attached are the talking points and attachments for the talking points for the Minister.

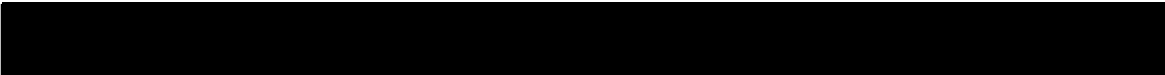
Cheers

Brett

From: Avell, Pamela
Sent: Thursday, 11 August 2016 11:32 AM
To: Monger, Brett
Cc: Redden, Sarah; Maclean, Natalie
Subject: FW: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST: Greyhounds [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Importance: High

Hi Brett

For your urgent clearance please the talking points are [here](#). They are due at 12 noon with the Minister's office.


Thanks to Sarah for her assistance and Nat who put the table together yesterday.

Kind regards,

Pamela

From: Cross, Narelle
Sent: Thursday, 11 August 2016 10:59 AM
To: Tennent, Simon; Monger, Brett; Avell, Pamela
Cc: McDonald, Helen; Maclean, Natalie; Dolan, Fiona; Thompson, Bruce
Subject: RE: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST: Greyhounds [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Importance: High

The talking points are due by 12noon please.

Thanks
Narelle

From: Cross, Narelle
Sent: Thursday, 11 August 2016 10:11 AM
To: Tennent, Simon; Monger, Brett; Avell, Pamela
Cc: McDonald, Helen; Maclean, Natalie; Dolan, Fiona; Thompson, Bruce
Subject: URGENT MEDIA REQUEST: Greyhounds [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Importance: High

Hi All

Please see below urgent request from Minister Gentleman's Office for talking points on the passing of the NSW greyhound ban bill yesterday and progress on discussions with the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club regarding the wind down of the industry in the ACT. Due ASAP please. I'll get back to you with an exact timeframe soon.

Thank you

Kind Regards

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From: McGirr, Hayden
Sent: Thursday, 11 August 2016 9:54 AM
To: Cross, Narelle
Subject: greyhounds

Hi Narelle,

Win is looking at doing a doorstep with us later today regarding the passing of the NSW greyhound ban bill yesterday. They wish to know what progress has been made regarding discussions with the Canberra greyhound racing club in terms of the wind down of the industry in the ACT. Would we be able to get some talking points on the passing of the NSW legislation yesterday as well as where we are up to with these convos?

Regards,

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NSW Greyhound Racing Prohibition Bill 2016 – Minister for Racing and Gaming Talking Points

Key Messages

- The Greyhound Racing Prohibition Bill 2016 was introduced into the NSW Legislative Council (the upper house) yesterday and was passed in that house late last night. The Bill is expected to be considered today by the NSW Legislative Assembly (the lower house).
- If passed, the Bill will give legal effect to the NSW Government's announcement on Thursday, 7 July 2016 that the NSW Greyhound Racing Industry will be shut down from 1 July 2017.
 - The decision by the NSW Government followed the presentation of the findings of the Special Commission on Inquiry into the NSW Greyhound Racing Industry.
- The Bill will prohibit (from 1 July 2017, subject to transitional arrangements):
 - greyhound racing and training in NSW
 - keeping of greyhounds in NSW for the purposes of greyhound racing (within or outside NSW)
 - breeding of greyhounds (unless demonstrated as a companion animal)
 - betting on greyhound racing in NSW
- The Bill provides that no compensation is payable (however the NSW Government has separately indicated a transition plan is being developed).
- The Bill provides for the appointment of a Greyhound Racing Administrator to wind up greyhound racing in NSW and the affairs of Greyhound Racing NSW and includes provisions for the welfare of greyhounds affected by the closure.
- The ACT Government is concerned by the findings of the NSW inquiry. In particular, the continued practice of live baiting and mass killings of greyhounds by NSW based trainers.
- The ACT Government is currently reviewing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that governs the relationship between the ACT Government and the ACT racing industry generally.
- The review scope and timeframes are currently being finalised by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate.
- The Minister for Racing and Gaming has a meeting with Kel Watt, Canberra Greyhound Racing Club scheduled for 23 August 2016.

Background

- See Attachment A for a brief summary of the Greyhound Racing Prohibition Bill 2016's provisions and the possible impact in the ACT.

- See Attachment B for an 'Issues Backgrounder' document from the NSW Parliament summarising the Inquiry findings.

Chief Minister's comments

- The Chief Minister announced on 7 July 2016 that "...it is untenable for the government to continue allowing and financially supporting greyhound racing."

ACT Greyhound Racing

- The number of participants located in the ACT is small and industry has indicated that it would not be practical or financially viable for greyhound racing to continue in the ACT when operations cease in NSW.
 - As of February 2016, Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has around 151 members and employs 2 full time employees and 20 casuals, plus several contractors (eg Veterinarians, stewards, accountant services). It employs 8 full time equivalent employees in total.
- The ACT greyhound racing industry is quite different to NSW and is heavily subsidised by the annual grant of \$1 million from the ACT Government.
- Participants of greyhound racing in the ACT are primarily located in NSW.
- In controlling greyhound racing in the ACT, the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has a reciprocal arrangement with Greyhound Racing NSW to licence all ACT trainers and to investigate matters relevant to ACT racing.
- Since the announcement, the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club have launched a number of media campaigns to fight the potential ban in the Territory, mainly focusing on the perfect record of caring for greyhounds and that no allegations have ever been reported to authorities in the ACT.
 - The Clubs website has a number of messages which have also been distributed on Facebook.
 - The Club also launched a 'Save the Dogs' campaign which was received electronically via email to greyhound racing participants and supporters in Canberra and surrounds.

Greyhound Racing Site Jerrabomberra

- The site of the greyhound track (Jerrabomberra block 1255 or SYMONSTON: Block 2, Section 107) is leased to the CGRC on a 50 year concessional lease which is due to expire on 22 November 2027.
- The lease is a rental lease with payment of 4 per cent of the site value (currently \$14,000 per annum, with a rental appraisal due November 2016). The purpose of this land is for **"a greyhound racecourse and ancillary facilities and subsidiary thereto a sportsground"**.
- In the event that greyhound racing is banned or otherwise comes to an end in the ACT, that will have an impact on the use that the industry can make of its racetrack but until the review is completed it is too early to express any views about any future use of the greyhound track or the site.

Greyhound Racing Prohibition Bill 2016 Key Points

Overview of Bill

The object of the Bill is to close the greyhound racing industry in NSW on 1 July 2017 (the *greyhound racing closure date*). For that purpose, the Bill:

- a) Authorises the minister to appoint a Greyhound Racing Administrator to wind up greyhound racing in NSW and the affairs of Greyhound Racing NSW, and
- b) Enables greyhound racing to continue until the greyhound racing closure date, and
- c) Makes provision for the welfare of greyhounds affected by the closure of greyhound racing, and
- d) Provides for the repeal of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009* and the dissolution of Greyhound Racing NSW on a proclaimed date after the greyhound racing closure date.

Key Points

<i>Greyhound Racing Prohibition Bill 2016</i>	<i>Possible Impact in ACT</i>
Part 4 Closure of greyhound racing Clause 14 prohibits on and after the greyhound racing closure date: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) greyhound racing and training in NSW, and b) betting on greyhound racing in NSW. 	NSW based trainers who are members of the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club will not be able to train greyhounds in NSW.
Clause 16 prohibits the keeping of greyhounds for the purposes of greyhound racing (in or outside NSW) on and after the greyhound racing closure date.	Persons residing in NSW will not be able to own greyhounds to race them in other jurisdictions. Greyhounds in NSW will only be able to be companion animals.
Clause 17 prohibits the breeding of greyhounds for greyhound racing on and from a date fixed by proclamation.	Persons residing in NSW will not be able to breed greyhounds. However it is a defence to a prosecution for an offence if the person charged establishes that the person bred the greyhound concerned as a companion animal and not for greyhound racing (i.e. the onus of proof is on the breeder).
Clause 20 requires Greyhound Racing NSW to be notified of the transfer of a greyhound to another registered owner or to a person or body responsible for a greyhound adoption program. This section has effect until the greyhound closure date and for such further period as may be prescribed by the regulations.	Persons residing in NSW will be able to transfer greyhounds only to registered owners in the ACT or to a person or body in the ACT that are responsible for a greyhound adoption program until 1 July 2017 (or longer by regulation).
Clause 21 makes it an offence for the owner of a registered greyhound to retire, export or transfer to a person not registered as a greyhound owner, or to destroy (or cause to be destroyed) the greyhound without the consent of Greyhound Racing NSW.	Written consent of Greyhound Racing NSW will be required for the retirement or destruction of a greyhound, or for the export or transfer to a person registered as a greyhound owner in the ACT.
Part 7 Miscellaneous Clause 29 provides that compensation is not payable by the State as a result of the enactment and operation of the proposed Act and the exercise of functions under the proposed Act.	There will be no compensation payable by or on behalf of the State as a result of this Act. (The NSW Government will, however, assist the industry in transitioning.)



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1. INTRODUCTION

Following the completion of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Greyhound Racing Industry in NSW in June 2016, Premier Mike Baird announced on 7 July 2016 that NSW will become the first Australian State to shut down greyhound racing.

Citing "overwhelming evidence of systemic animal cruelty, including mass greyhound killings and live baiting", Premier Baird said that in order to protect animal welfare, the greyhound racing industry would face an orderly shutdown as of 1 July 2017. On 14 July 2016, the Government appointed Dr John Keniry AM as Coordinator General of the Greyhounds Transition Taskforce to guide the industry to a humane and orderly closure.

In response, Opposition Leader Luke Foley announced that he opposes the shut down and intends to "stand by the overwhelming majority of people in the industry who've only ever done the right thing".

The announcement has resulted in a strong response from both supporters and opponents of the proposed ban; many stakeholders are highly supportive of the decision, while others have expressed grave concerns over the wellbeing of industry participants and the greyhounds themselves once the industry is shut down.

This paper provides an overview of the greyhound racing industry in NSW and a timeline showing events prior to the proposed ban. It summarises key elements of the June 2016 final report of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Greyhound Racing Industry in NSW, before setting out selected Government, Parliamentary and political party material on greyhound racing. It ends with references to relevant stakeholder, academic and media materials and a list of other jurisdictions that have commercial greyhound racing industries.

2. BACKGROUND AND TIMELINE OF EVENTS

NSW GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Industry legislation and codes

The Greyhound Racing Act 2009 is the primary legislation governing the greyhound racing industry, setting out the functions of Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW). The NSW Legislative Council's 2014 Inquiry into greyhound racing in New South Wales: First Report gives the following summary of the Act and GRNSW (p 7):

Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) is a body corporate charged with providing strategic direction and leadership in the development, integrity and welfare of greyhound racing in New South Wales. It is the peak body of the sport and is responsible for ensuring the competitiveness, long term commercial viability, integrity and orderly conduct of greyhound racing for the benefit of participants, business partners and the community. Greyhound Racing NSW is prohibited by legislation from running greyhound racing meetings. The conduct of racing is undertaken by clubs that are in turn regulated by GRNSW.

As set out in the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009* the functions of GRNSW include the following:

The NSW greyhound racing industry

- To control, supervise and regulate greyhound racing in the state
- To register greyhound racing clubs, greyhound trial tracks, greyhounds, owners and trainers of greyhounds, bookmakers for greyhound racing and other persons associated with greyhound racing
- To initiate, develop and implement policies considered conducive to the promotion, strategic development and welfare of the greyhound racing industry in the state
- To distribute money received as a result of commercial arrangements required by the *Totalizator Act 1997* and
- To allocate to greyhound racing clubs the dates on which they may conduct greyhound racing meetings.

These functions are overseen by the board of GRNSW, while the day-to-day management and the exercise of the functions are undertaken by the Chief Executive Officer and his or her staff.

GRNSW has its own Greyhound Racing Rules that govern the sport of greyhound racing as follows (Special Commission of Inquiry report, volume 1, 171):

The NSW Greyhound Racing Rules outlines and defines, in detail, the regulatory obligations and role of all individuals and organisations that participate in the sport with respect to the welfare of greyhounds. The Rules contain more than 150 Local Rules (set by GRNSW) and National Rules (set by Greyhounds Australasia) that are often supported by other policy documents.

GRNSW also has a 2015 Code of Practice for Breeding, Rearing and Education and a 2011 Code of Practice for the Keeping of Greyhounds in Training.

Animal welfare legislation

The primary pieces of legislation governing animal welfare in NSW are the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 (1979 Act) and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulation 2012. The objects of the 1979 Act are (s 3):

- (a) to prevent cruelty to animals; and
- (b) to promote the welfare of animals by requiring a person in charge of an animal:
 - i. to provide care for the animal, and
 - ii. to treat the animal in a humane manner, and
 - iii. to ensure the welfare of the animal

Section 5 of the Act creates the offences of “committing an act of cruelty upon an animal” and “authorising the commission of an act of cruelty” by a person in charge of an animal. The Act also prohibits other inherently cruel conduct, including:

- tethering animals (s 10);
- carrying out certain procedures on particular breeds of animals, such as performing a clitoridectomy on a greyhound (s 12);
- baiting or fighting of animals (s 18); and
- selling severely injured animals (s 22).

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With regard to live baiting, s 21 of the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* prohibits the practice:

- (1)(d) [A person] who uses an animal as a lure or kill for the purpose of blooding greyhounds or in connection with the trialing, training or racing of any coursing dog, or
 - (e) keeps or is in charge of an animal for use as a lure or kill for the purpose of blooding greyhounds or in connection with the trialing, training or racing of any coursing dog,
- is guilty of an offence.

The GRNSW *Greyhound Racing Rules* also address the welfare of greyhounds by doing the following (*Special Commission of Inquiry* report, volume 1, 172):

- prescribing particular race day standards;
- requiring certain minimum welfare obligations to be met;
- requiring the registration of trial tracks and imposing particular restrictions on their operation; and
- incorporating two codes of practice which apply to particular stages in the greyhound's lifecycle.

The *Greyhound Racing Rules* were modified in 2015 to address the issue of live baiting (*Special Commission of Inquiry* report, volume 1, pp 79-80):

In April 2015, GRNSW took particular steps related to the practice of live baiting. It changed the *Greyhound Racing Rules* to impose a minimum period of suspension of 10 years for keeping small animals that might be used as live baits. GRNSW also banned the use of rabbit carcasses and, pending further research by the Working Dog Alliance, stipulated that "professionally tanned skins" could be used instead.

On 2 November 2015, GRNSW announced that it would amend its policy on lures by prohibiting the use of tanned and professionally processed animal skins for the purposes of trialling or educating greyhounds from 1 December 2015. The effect of the amendment is that, for the first time, all lures used in greyhound training, education or racing must be made of purely synthetic materials only.

Other legislation and codes

Other legislation pertaining to the greyhound racing industry include the following (*Special Commission of Inquiry* report, volume 1, ch 8):

- *Companion Animals Act 1998* and *Companion Animals Regulation 2008*:
 - Establishes a Register of Companion Animals and requires lifetime registration of them; all dogs (including greyhounds) and cats are companion animals under the Act.
- *Crimes Act 1900*.
 - Under s 530 ("serious animal cruelty"), a person who, with the intention of inflicting severe pain, tortures, beats or commits any other serious act of cruelty on an animal and kills or seriously injures or causes prolonged suffering to the animal is guilty of an offence. The maximum penalty is imprisonment for five years.
- *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

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- Under s 98(2)(a), it is an offence to harm protected fauna such as possums (which have been used by certain industry participants as live bait).
- NSW Department of Primary Industries, NSW Animal Welfare Code of Practice No 5 - Dogs and Cats in Animal Boarding Establishments, 1996.
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BENEFITS OF THE INDUSTRY

Referring to a 2010 study undertaken by Access Economics for GRNSW, the 2014 NSW Legislative Council Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in NSW listed the following benefits of the industry in its first report into greyhound racing in NSW (pp 9-10):

Key findings include that for the financial year 2009-10:

- the total economic contribution of the greyhound racing industry in NSW was estimated at \$144.2 million. Of this amount \$92.3 million was a direct contribution and \$51.9 million was indirect.
- total employment by the industry was estimated to be 1,561 full time equivalent positions, of which 1,086 were direct and 475 indirect
- over 13,000 participants were involved in the industry, including owners, breeders, trainers, and those organising race meetings and administration of the sport
- volunteers in the industry were a key contributor and, during the period, the unpaid time invested by trainers in the sport was valued at approximately \$40 million
- the contribution to government revenue of wagering on greyhounds in the period was \$31 million
- greyhound racing also generated significant direct economic worth and flow-on benefits for other sectors of the economy. A contribution of approximately \$52 million dollars in flow-on economic benefits in the period with a substantial amount being generated through breeding (\$24.4 million) and training (\$12 million) activities.

A 2014 report delivered to the NSW Government by IER Pty Ltd, Size and scope of the NSW Racing Industry, outlined the following estimated economic and community benefits of the greyhound racing industry. According to the report, in 2012-13 (pp 9, 18):

- The greyhound industry generated \$241.5 million in direct expenditure for the NSW economy, with flow on effects increasing the size of the industry's value-added contribution to \$335.7 million;
- Of the figure above, \$176.9 million was made up of wages and salaries earned from employment generated by the industry; and
- The greyhound racing industry produced 2,781 full-time jobs, inclusive of both direct industry employment and secondary impacts on other industries that experienced increased demand as a result of greyhound racing. Other

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industries benefiting from greyhound racing included veterinary practices, dog food suppliers, retail, tourism, accommodation, and transport services.

TIMELINE OF THE NSW GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY

The timeline on the following page has been derived in part from the following resource: E Smith, The history of greyhound racing in NSW after Mike Baird announces ban, Sydney Morning Herald, 8 July 2016.

Year	Key events
1860s	First sporting use of greyhounds in Australia.
1927	Mechanical tin hare racing is introduced to NSW and the first meeting held at Epping Racecourse (now Harold Park). Frederick Swindell establishes the Greyhound Coursing Association (GCA).
1931	Premier Jack Lang legalises greyhound racing, referring to the sport as the "working man's racehorse" (<i>Finance (Greyhound-racing Taxation) Act 1931</i>).
1979	"Coursing and other similar activities" involving the pursuit of game or other animals by dogs are made illegal by the <i>Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979</i> . This includes live baiting (s 21).
2009	The <i>Greyhound Racing Act 2009</i> is enacted, making provisions with respect to the control and regulation of greyhound racing. Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) becomes responsible for the regulatory affairs of the sport.
27 August 2013	Creation of the Legislative Council <u>Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in NSW</u> to inquire into and report on the State's greyhound racing industry.
February 2014	GRNSW and Greyhound Racing Victoria adopt the <u>National Greyhound Welfare Strategy</u> , designed to implement uniform standards of care, education, accountability and enforcement across Australia.
28 March 2014	The Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in NSW releases its <u>first report</u> into greyhound racing in NSW. Recommendations included that GRNSW review best practice standards; and the NSW Government review the <i>Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979</i> to better investigate allegations of live baiting.
September 2014	The NSW Government releases its <u>response</u> to the Select Committee's first report.
16 October 2014	The Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in NSW releases its <u>second report</u> into greyhound racing in NSW, which focuses on the economic viability and long term sustainability of the

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Year	Key events
	industry.
February 2015	The ABC Four Corners report <u>Making a Killing</u> reveals endemic use of illegal live baiting in the industry. The entire board of GRNSW is <u>dismissed</u> by the NSW Government in order to restore integrity to the industry. More than 20 greyhound racing dog owners and trainers across Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland are <u>suspended</u> following raids by authorities.
April 2015	The NSW Government releases its <u>response</u> to the Select Committee's second report.
6 May 2015	The NSW Government launches the <u>Special Commission of Inquiry into the Greyhound Racing Industry in NSW</u> (Special Commission of Inquiry).
November 2015	GRNSW forms a Joint Working Group in response to the live baiting scandal, with its findings intended to be used to inform submissions from GRNSW to the Special Commission of Inquiry.
29 January 2016	The GRNSW Joint Working Group releases its <u>final report</u> on NSW greyhound industry reform. The Joint Working Group makes 20 recommendations, including several aimed at reducing greyhound overproduction and unnecessary euthanasia.
18 February 2016	GRNSW releases its <u>Industry Supervision Strategy</u> , which outlines the authority's regulatory purpose, strategic priorities and objectives in relation to industry supervision.
16 June 2016	The Special Commission of Inquiry hands down its <u>report</u> on the NSW greyhound racing industry. It recommends that the NSW Parliament "consider whether the industry has lost its social licence and should no longer be permitted to operate in NSW."
7 July 2016	Premier Mike Baird <u>announces</u> greyhound racing ban, to commence on 1 July 2017.

3. FINDINGS OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

The Special Commission of Inquiry into the Greyhound Racing Industry in NSW was set up on 6 May 2015 by the NSW Government in response to the ABC's Four Corners program in February 2015 showing live baiting in the industry, and the subsequent resignation of the Board of Greyhound GRNSW and its Chief Executive Officer (Special Commission of Inquiry, p vii).

The Terms of Reference of the Special Commission of Inquiry were far-reaching and included identifying issues relating to the governance, integrity and animal welfare standards of the greyhound racing industry in NSW; reviewing the existing legislative framework for the NSW greyhound racing industry; and developing an improved model of governance of the greyhound racing industry (pp 31-33).

COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission recorded a large number of findings, some of which are set out below.

Wastage

The Commission made the following comments on the proportion of greyhounds killed due to being unsuitable for competition (pp 1-2):

[O]f the 97,783 greyhounds that were bred in New South Wales in the last 12 years, the evidence suggests that somewhere between 48,891 and 68,448 dogs were killed because they were considered too slow to pay their way or were unsuitable for racing. ... After evaluating the relevant parts of this mass of material, the Commission has concluded that, unless the number of greyhounds being bred in this State is reduced by a very large number, the greyhound racing industry in NSW cannot solve its problem of the mass slaughtering of healthy greyhounds.

Track injuries were found to significantly contribute to wastage levels because of their severity (p 11):

[Two 2016 Greyhound Racing Injury Reports provided by GRNSW] suggest that over 21% of greyhounds who compete at any meeting are likely to suffer an injury, ranging from minor to catastrophic resulting in death. About 4.7% of the greyhounds who suffer injuries will suffer serious or catastrophic resulting in severe pain for the greyhound. That is, of the 80 individual greyhounds that compete in a meeting, 3 or 4 will suffer a serious or catastrophic injury within the year and another 13 or 14 dogs (or 17%) will suffer lesser injuries. And, as the Commission has pointed out, the true injury rate is very likely to be higher than these figures suggest.

Rehoming

The Commission found that past efforts to rehome greyhounds had not been successful, but noted that GRNSW was beginning to address this (pp 3-4):

GRNSW has rehomed only 593 greyhounds through its Greyhounds As Pets ("GAP") Program since 2007 at a cost of \$200,000 per year. The WDA reported that the average rehoming rate for the years 2010 to 2013 was 0.5% of dogs whelped.

With little or no support from GRNSW, the combined efforts of welfare and volunteer organisations in NSW have resulted in the rehoming of consistently more retired greyhounds than by GRNSW's GAP Program. In the 2014/15 financial year, volunteer and welfare organisations (including the RSPCA) rehomed 412 greyhounds - GAP rehomed 173.

Industry education and culture

The Commission found that, although GRNSW proposed the introduction of mandatory education for industry participants concerning matters such as the breeding, training and socialisation of greyhounds, many industry participants were

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uninterested in change and so reform was unlikely to succeed (pp 4-5). Citing the Working Dog Association Australia's (WDA) July 2015 survey of the greyhound racing industry, the Commission explained why it had little confidence in the success of reforms (pp 5-6):

In its report, WDA said:

Industry members appeared generally interested in research to help them improve practices, but responses to some items suggest a lack of willingness to adopt all suggestions provided by research studies. Furthermore, participants were not particularly interested in workshops to improve socialisation, training, or rearing techniques. However, they were interested in workshops on first aid and healthcare for racing dogs. That many participants appeared to believe that research into other breeds would not apply to greyhounds is telling. To our knowledge, there is no scientific evidence to suggest that greyhounds are substantially different from other dog breeds in the amounts and types of socialisation and rearing experiences that they need to experience good welfare.

Live Baiting

As the primary catalyst behind the formation of the Special Commission of Inquiry, the Commission's investigation not only concluded that there remains endemic support for the practice, but that GRNSW knew about the practice and did nothing about it (p 8):

[A] licensed trainer, who admitted to engaging in live baiting and assisting others to do it at the training track he owned, testified that he thought about 10 - 20% of trainers engaged in live baiting. His training track was a popular venue for those who wished to engage in live baiting and educate their dogs. There was evidence that trainers queued up at the weekend to use his track. ... Even more disturbing than this evidence of participants condoning or turning a "blind eye" to the practice, was evidence that several high-ranking officials of GRNSW believed that live baiting was occurring in the industry.

Although it noted that GRNSW had acknowledged its "failure of leadership" and had since taken steps to try and reduce live baiting, the Commission stated that it had no confidence that the practice would be eradicated in future (p 86):

The fact that, as recently as March 2016, GRNSW was investigating reports of persons having engaged in live baiting at a racetrack in late 2015, suggests that the practice is highly resilient. Persons who engage in live baiting do so because, among other reasons, they believe it may give them a competitive advantage against some other trainers. Conversely, if they do not engage in live baiting they are at risk of being at a competitive disadvantage given that, in their reasonably held view, many other participants also engage in the practice.

Given these views, and the highly entrenched nature of live baiting as a traditional training method, there is a very real risk that, once the harsh spotlight of this Commission is removed from the industry, the practice of live baiting will thrive once more. It is imperative that regulators take all available steps to try to ensure that this does not occur. That said, as history suggests, there is reason for pessimism on this front.

Deception of the public concerning deaths and injuries

The Special Commission of Inquiry reported that, from at least April 2013 until November 2015, GRNSW had adopted a policy of deliberately misreporting the extent of injuries suffered by greyhounds at racetracks (p 9):

[T]he Commission finds that GRNSW engaged in the conduct knowingly and with the intention of sanitising the information that became available to the public concerning injuries suffered by greyhounds. The motive for the policy was the hope that, by doing so, substantial criticism of the greyhound racing industry in NSW could be avoided. Similarly, deaths on track were not recorded in the stewards' report because, as one steward told a veterinary surgeon, it would "stir up the greenies". This conduct of GRNSW was revealed only as the result of the Commission's investigations. It may have continued to this day if the Commission had not discovered it.

Has the greyhound racing industry changed since February 2015?

Although the Commission concluded that GRNSW has undergone significant change for the better since live baiting investigations were first reported in February 2015, it nevertheless found that "the problems that the industry creates – particularly the extent of wastage in the greyhound racing industry – could not be appropriately addressed at the present time" (pp 20-21):

The Commission recognises that, ultimately, it is a matter for the Parliament of NSW, as the representative of the community whether, on balance, the commercial greyhound racing industry has lost its social licence and should no longer be permitted to operate in this State or alternatively should be given a further period to show that it can appropriately address the issues confronting the industry. In the Commission's view, the industry has failed to address the issue of wastage successfully and appears unlikely to do so in the foreseeable future. Applying the benchmark formulated by the JWG, a body set up by GRNSW, the commercial greyhound industry has failed community expectations that it is an ethical and humane industry. Permitting GRNSW a further period of time in which to attempt to demonstrate it can successfully address issues of overbreeding and wastage appears to the Commission to be likely to prove fruitless and, at the same time, continue to result in the deaths of many more thousands of healthy greyhounds.

RECOMMENDATIONS

After outlining its findings, the Special Commission of Inquiry gave the following overarching recommendation to the NSW Government (p 22):

Recommendation 1: Given the findings of the Commission concerning the management and governance of the greyhound racing industry, the Parliament of New South Wales should consider whether the industry has lost its social licence and should no longer be permitted to operate in NSW.

Were the industry permitted to continue to operate, the Commission gave 79 further recommendations that, while maintaining the industry, would also include reforms aimed at improving transparency and governance and reduce the level of greyhound deaths. Select recommendations included the following (pp 22-29):

- **Recommendation 3:** Section 21 of the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* (NSW) should be amended to strengthen the offences of live baiting.

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- **Recommendation 11:** To the extent possible, those who commit offences involving live baiting should be required to indemnify the prosecutor not only for the cost of conducting the prosecution but for the cost of the investigation which led to the commencement of proceedings.
- **Recommendation 33:** An enforceable Code of Practice containing minimum standards of care for greyhounds throughout their lifecycle should be established.
- **Recommendation 44:** Greyhound Racing NSW or any new regulator should assume direct responsibility for providing veterinary services at all NSW race meetings, whether held at TAB tracks or non-TAB tracks.
- **Recommendation 56:** Greyhound Racing NSW or any new regulator should undertake frequent and random kennel inspections.
- **Recommendation 65:** The regulatory and commercial functions of Greyhound Racing NSW should be separated. A separate regulator, the NSW Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission, should be established.
- **Recommendation 78:** Consideration should be given to amending the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009* (NSW) so as to provide for an express power, vested in the Minister, to remove the Board of Greyhound Racing NSW or any of its members.

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- Mexico;
- Macau;
- New Zealand;
- Republic of Ireland;
- United Kingdom (England, Scotland and Wales);
- United States (Connecticut, Kansas, Oregon, Texas and Wisconsin); and
- Vietnam.

Australian and New Zealand greyhound industry peak bodies are listed below:

- Greyhounds Australasia;
- Greyhound Racing New South Wales;
- Greyhound Racing Victoria;
- Racing and Wagering Western Australia;
- Racing Queensland;
- Tasracing;
- Greyhound Racing South Australia Ltd;
- Northern Territory Government, Racing Gaming & Licensing;
- Canberra Greyhound Racing Club; and
- Greyhound Racing NZ.

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Cc: Tennent, Simon
Subject: RE: New - Canberra Greyhound Facts website by the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: Kel Watt Media Release on behalf of CGRC - 11082016.doc

Hi all,

An interesting Media Release(found on this website) on the 11 August 2016 can be found under the Media tab which I have attached. The last four paragraphs in particular which will be relevant to the upcoming meeting that Minister Gentleman has with Kel Watt and members of the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club (CGRC).

It discusses what the CGRC will be reinforcing at its meeting with Minister Gentleman on the 23 August, in particular:

- 1) its perfect record of animal welfare; and
- 2) that it will be presenting options for maintaining and strengthening its financial viability.

The second point is interesting considering that we have media articles where the Club Secretary Debbie Collier in Feb 2016 admitted that *"the club would not be able to operate without the \$1 million government subsidy, she said the club generated a further \$700,000 to cover prize money and it was moving towards self-sustainability as international betting grew"*.

I don't think we need to update the briefing materials (which were approved by Simon last Friday and can be found [here](#)) but it will be interesting to see what the club presents to make them viable if the NSW industry is shutdown especially in light of the possibility of NSW residents not being able to train or keep greyhounds for racing and even if this was not the case then I am sure they have not factored in the extra costs which are going to be associated with the regulatory costs of having greyhound racing in the ACT with no NSW industry.

Cheers
 Nat

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From: Maclean, Natalie
Sent: Monday, 15 August 2016 10:54 AM
To: Monger, Brett; Avell, Pamela; Hanigan, Jessica; Redden, Sarah
Cc: Tennent, Simon
Subject: New - Canberra Greyhound Facts website by the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi All,

FYI - The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club now has a dedicated website to save greyhound racing in the ACT. Here is the link: <http://canberragreyhoundfacts.com.au/>

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STATEMENT ON GREYHOUND BILL PASSING THROUGH NSW UPPER HOUSE

11 August 2016

The passing of the Bill banning greyhound racing through the NSW Legislative Council delivers an opportunity to local NSW and ACT MPs to show commitment to fairness and support for their communities.

The decision by Queanbeyan-based Upper House MP Peter Phelps to speak against the Bill and the deeply flawed McHugh Report displayed a brief moment of strength and reason. However his decision to abstain from voting ultimately failed the leadership test and let the community down.

The Members for Monaro (John Barilaro, Nationals), Cootamundra (Katrina Hodgkinson, Nationals) and Goulburn (Pru Goward, Liberals) can show true leadership if they cross the floor to vote when the Legislative Assembly considers the Bill this morning.

Their electorates are home to hundreds of members of greyhound clubs in the ACT and NSW. Dozens of local jobs and people's livelihoods in their electorates will be destroyed by the heavy handed legislation if they allow it to pass without objection.

The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club (CGRC) and its members call on these local MPs to reject the unfair legislation and vote for facts and reason, rather than the campaign of lies and deceit used as justification for the ban.

The ACT Government also has an opportunity to differentiate itself from the NSW Government by demonstrating its dedication to mature negotiation, reason and consultation.

Next week the CGRC will meet with ACT Racing Minister Mick Gentleman. At that meeting the CGRC will reinforce its perfect record of animal welfare over its entire 37 years of operation.

The club will also present options for maintaining and strengthening its financial viability.

With the text and impact of the NSW legislation now known, the CGRC has the ability to formulate and deliver options for the future of greyhound racing in the ACT. The CGRC plans will save jobs, boost the local economy, deliver 100% guarantees on animal welfare and safety, and help save thousands of greyhounds which will otherwise be facing euthanasia as a result of the NSW ban.

Achieving these goals simply requires the ACT Government to calmly consider facts and act fairly.

ENDS

Contact: Kel Watt (Watt Advocacy & Communications)


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Section 6 – Certain agencies are exempt – ACT Government Solicitor

Section 42 – Documents subject to legal professional privilege

Section 36 – Internal working documents

Maclean, Natalie

From: McDonald, Helen
Sent: Monday, 8 August 2016 11:08 AM
To: Monger, Brett
Cc: Maclean, Natalie
Subject: BM16/1969: Meeting with Kel Watt - re: Canberra Greyhound Racing Club [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Ron Beck - Chair Person

Info Brief

Date of Function 23rd August 2016

Due with Simon Thursday, 11th

Due with Ben Friday, 12th

*Kel Watt
 Debbie Collier - Secretary
 Jim Colquhoun - Board member
 Ashley Dwyer or Garry Collier } CGRC*

Members
 Helen

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Apostoloski, Natasha **On Behalf Of** Gentleman, Mick
Sent: Monday, 1 August 2016 2:44 PM
To: Cirson, Adina; Clarke, Jason; Cross, Narelle
Subject: Meeting with Kel Watt - re: Canberra Greyhound Racing Club
When: Tuesday, 23 August 2016 3:00 PM-3:30 PM (UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney.
Where: Minister's Office

Brief request please Narelle

Afternoon Natasha

Thank you for the opportunity to meet.

We would be delighted to meet with the Minister then.

It is in our diary.

Kind regards

Kel

Hi Kel.

Thank you for your meeting request.

I can confirm that the Minister would be pleased to meet with you.

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The only earliest availability I have at the moment is Tuesday 23rd of August at 3:00 till 3:30pm here at the ACT Legislative Assembly.

Could you please let me know if this time also works for you.

Look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

Natasha Apostoloski | Office Manager
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Sent: Tuesday, 26 July 2016 3:52 PM
To: Apostoloski, Natasha
Subject: Meeting with Minister Gentleman and Canberra Greyhound Racing Club

Afternoon Natasha

Thanks for your time.

I am representing the CGRC and would like to follow up with my discussion with Adina last week. Can you please ask that we be considered for a meeting to discuss the Government's current policies on the sport.

Many thanks

Kel

Sent from my iPad



ACT
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Chief Minister, Treasury and
Economic Development

TRIM: BM16/1969

To: Minister for Racing and Gaming

Subject: Meeting with the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club

Critical date and reason

1. **23 August 2016** – Your meeting with the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club (CGRC) is at 3.45pm. An Economic Development representative (Mr Simon Tennent, A/g Director Strategy and Program Design) will provide support at the meeting.

Recommendations

2. That you note the information contained in this brief.

Mick Gentleman MLA

23/8/16

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Relationship between the CGRC and government

22. The existing MoU between the local racing clubs and the Government outlines the policy objectives shared between government and the racing industry and provides a broad direction for engagement with the industry.
23. The MoU is scheduled to expire on 30 June 2017.
24. The ACT Government currently provides grants to the ACT racing industry of around \$8 million per annum. Of this, the CGRC receives around \$1 million per annum which equates to 12.5 per cent.
25. It is possible that if the \$1 million grant is withdrawn at the end of the MoU on 30 June 2017, the industry would not be financially viable.
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CGRC Media

26. Since the announcement the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club have launched a number of media campaigns to fight the potential ban in the Territory, mainly focusing on the perfect record of caring for greyhounds and that no allegations have ever been reported to authorities in the ACT.
27. The Clubs website has a number of messages which have also been distributed on Facebook as at Attachment C.
28. The Club also launched a ‘Save the Dogs’ campaign which was received electronically via email to greyhound racing participants and supporters in Canberra and surrounds. A copy of the email is at Attachment D with comments to the campaign’s messages at Attachment E.
29. CGRC have stated in one of their campaign messages that ‘ACT legislation says only an independent inquiry can make the recommendation to shut down greyhound racing in the ACT (*Section 5.3 Gambling and Racing Control Act*)’.
30. It should be noted that there is no Section 5.3 of the *Gambling and Racing Control Act 1999*, rather it is possible they are referring to Section 5.3 of the *Racing Act 1999*. Economic Development will further consider the reach of that provision given it relates to licensing of racecourses, not the sport as a whole.

Current developments by the NSW Government

31. On 10 August 2016, the NSW Government introduced the Greyhound Racing Prohibition Bill 2016 to close the greyhound racing industry in NSW from 1 July 2017 (subject to certain transition arrangements). The overview and key points on this Bill can be found at Attachment F.
32. The NSW Government has advised that they will announce a detailed industry shutdown package during the second half of 2016 following consultation with stakeholders in industry and animal welfare organizations. The plan will include:
 - a. A welfare plan for existing greyhounds;
 - b. A support package for industry participants; and
 - c. A transition arrangement for existing Greyhound Racing NSW assets that will ensure they are used for open public space, alternative sporting facilities or other community use.
33. The NSW Opposition has announced that it will work to stop the planned closure of the greyhound racing industry by moving in State Parliament to set up a new industry regulator and split the commercial and regulatory functions of the sport.

NSW Greyhound Racing Industry

34. Since the announcement the NSW Greyhound Racing Industry have launched a number of media campaigns to fight the ban in NSW.
35. On 29 July 2016, it was announced that legal proceedings are underway by the NSW Greyhound Racing Industry against the shutdown of the industry in that state. A directions hearing is scheduled for 29 September 2016.
36. Documents filed in the Supreme Court argue that the Special Commission of Inquiry report by former High Court Judge Michael McHugh should be disregarded as they are challenging the validity of the report.
37. On 2 August 2016, several hundreds of protesters, including those from the ACT, marched from Hyde Park to NSW Parliament House to campaign against the shutdown of the state's greyhound racing industry.

Greyhound Racing Site Jerrabomberra

38. The site of the greyhound track (Jerrabomberra block 1255 or SYMONSTON: Block 2, Section 107) is leased to the CGRC on a 50 year concessional lease which is due to expire on 22 November 2027.
39. The lease is a rental lease with payment of 4 per cent of the site value (currently \$14,000 per annum, with a rental appraisal due November 2016). The purpose of this land is for ***"a greyhound racecourse and ancillary facilities and subsidiary thereto a sportsground"***.
40. In the event that greyhound racing is banned or otherwise comes to an end in the ACT, that will have an impact on the use that the industry can make of its racetrack

but until the review is completed it is too early to express any views about any future use of the greyhound track or the site.

Consultation and Communication

41. Kel Watt, representative of the CGRC has been consulted in the preparation of this advice.

Financial

42. The ACT Government provides over \$8 million per annum to the racing industry with around \$1 million of this going to greyhound racing (a further \$1 million to harness racing and \$6 million to thoroughbred horse racing).
43. The funding provided for 2016-17 will be honoured.

Management of Other Risks

44. The ACT has not announced that it will ban greyhound racing in Canberra to date. We will continue to monitor the NSW situation and consider their impacts on the ACT, especially considering the CGRC have a reciprocal relationship with Greyhound Racing NSW to licence all ACT trainers and to investigate matters relevant to ACT racing.
45. A number of newspaper articles have been published which identify greyhound owners and trainers from around the region who will be severally affected by this decision, even though they do not reside in the ACT.
46. We should continue to note that there are only a small number of owners and trainers in the ACT.
47. On the 25 July 2016, the Canberra Liberals announced that they would not ban greyhound racing in the ACT until an independent inquiry examines whether mistreatment is occurring locally.

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Date: 11 August 2016

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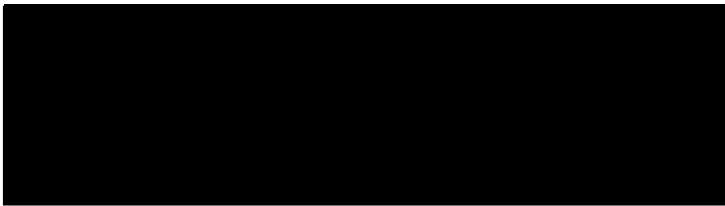


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MICK GENTLEMAN MLA

Minister for Planning and Land Management
Minister for Racing and Gaming
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Manager of Government Business

Member for Brindabella



Thank you for your presentation at our meeting on 23 August 2016 titled 'A plan for the future of ACT greyhound racing'.

As you are aware, the ACT is conducting a review of the NSW decision to ban greyhound racing in that State and will be considering the implications on greyhound racing in the Territory.

I thank you once again for taking the time to meet with me about this important issue.

Yours sincerely

Mick Gentleman MLA
Minister for Racing and Gaming

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Section 43 – Documents relating to business affairs



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MINISTERIAL BRIEF

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To: Attorney-General

Tracking No.: *2016*5378

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From: Deputy Executive Director, Legislation, Policy and Programs

Date 15 November 2016

Subject: Status of Greyhound Racing in the ACT

Critical Date: 15 November 2016

Critical Reason: Requested by your office

DDG (T) *JP* 15/11/16
Recommendations

1. That you note the information contained in this brief;

Noted / Please Discuss

Gordon Ramsay MLA

Gordon Ramsay

22/11/16

Minister's Office Feedback

Background

1. A copy of the recent Incoming Government Brief is at Attachment A for purposes of background to this brief.
2. Given the timing of the recent ACT election, and the differing policy positions of the major parties, only limited additional work has progressed on this matter.
3. The intention prior to the caretaker period was to undertake two reviews relating to the racing industry:
 - a review of the soon to expire Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Racing Industry; and

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- a review into the future of greyhound racing in the ACT in light of the NSW ban.
4. The recent reversal of the greyhound racing ban by the NSW Government, and the revised arrangements on the regulation and management of greyhound racing in NSW (which are yet to be fully articulated) will have implications for the approach the ACT takes to implementing the Parliamentary Agreement in relation to the future of the industry.

Review of the MoU with the ACT Racing Industry

5. The existing MoU with the ACT Racing Industry (Thoroughbred, Harness and Greyhound) is due to expire on 30 June 2017, so a revised MoU is required to be developed well in advance of that date.
6. With likely changes to the greyhound industry mooted, it was considered appropriate to conduct an independent detailed review of the MoU to understand the economic benefits, measure performance against key performance indicators (KPIs) and gather information on the separate racing codes.
7. The Economic Development Directorate requested quotations from consultant firms to conduct such a review.
8. In light of the subsequently announced ACT Government position on ceasing the \$1 million funding to the greyhound industry, there may not be the need for an extensive review of the MoU. An alternative could be a simple renegotiation of the existing MoU with the other two racing codes.

Review of the future of Greyhound Racing in the ACT

9. Following the announcement of a ban on greyhound racing in NSW the, then, Minister for Racing and Gaming advised the industry that decisions would be made pending a review of the ACT greyhound industry which was to be conducted after the election. It was expected this review would form the basis to enable a decision on the future of greyhound racing in the ACT.
10. Since NSW announced the ban (which was subsequently reversed), there have been a number of public statements in relation to the position of the ACT Government on this matter. These are included at Attachment B.
11. The Labor party election commitment relating to this matter was to:
 - *Cease funding for the greyhound racing industry from the expiry of the current agreement on 30 June 2017.*
12. The post election Parliamentary Agreement (PA) between the Labor party and the Greens includes:
 - *End the ACT Government subsidy to the ACT greyhound racing industry at the conclusion of the current MOU, and actively support the transition steps required to end the operation of the greyhound racing industry, including animal welfare and training support*

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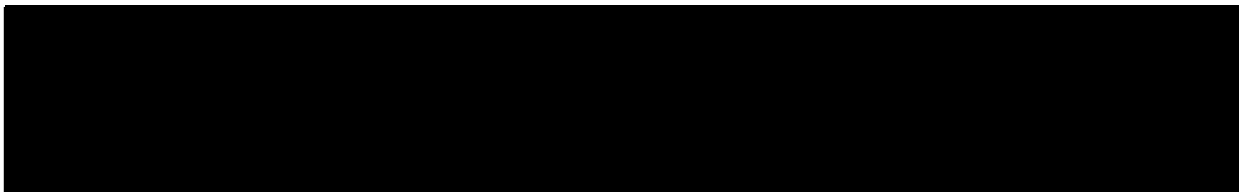
13. At this stage a specific review into the greyhound industry has not been scoped nor has one commenced.

Remove Government funding for greyhound racing in the ACT

14. If the ACT Government decides to simply remove the \$1 million pa grant funding and let the greyhound industry manage operations without Government backing, a review into the future of greyhound racing in the ACT may not be required.
15. It should be noted that the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club (CGRC) submitted a proposal to the previous Minister for Gaming and Racing that identified the growth potential for greyhound racing in the ACT based on the proposed NSW ban. This is at Attachment C.
16. While the reversal of the NSW ban will have an impact on the CGRC proposal, the NSW Government has stated it will 'scale back' the number of tracks available for greyhound racing. This may have a positive impact on the viability of greyhound racing in the ACT through an influx of NSW dogs and trainers.
17. Notwithstanding the removal of the \$1 million per annum grant funding to the CGRC, the industry may still be in a financial position to operate. This will largely depend on the situation in NSW and whether additional investment can be attracted by the CGRC. Additional revenue may also be realised from better timeslots for ACT races from Sky Racing, otherwise known as Race Field Information Revenue.
18. This revenue is provided to all codes and is based on the level of the licensed wagering operator's turnover relative to the racing code.
19. The greyhound industry in the ACT has had an increase in race field information revenue of nearly [REDACTED] over the 4 years to the forecast 2016-17 results. Their forecast for [REDACTED] Thoroughbred racing had an [REDACTED] (or 58 per cent) increase over the same period, with harness [REDACTED] (or 32 per cent) increase.

End greyhound racing in the ACT

20. The terms of the PA anticipate active steps, beyond the removal of funding for the industry, leading to the end of the operation of the greyhound industry. Active pursuit of the closure of greyhound racing in the ACT will require some form of review as to how this would unfold. This would involve consideration of transition arrangements for both the welfare and re-homing of the greyhounds, and the livelihoods of industry participants.
21. Attachment D identifies a number of elements involved in closing the greyhound racing in the ACT.



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end the greyhound industry, including the implications for use of the land currently leased to the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club. Formal legal advice will be sought in relation to any issues arising from potential government actions to end the greyhound racing industry.

Consultation and Communication

23. None associated with this brief.

Financial

24. There is likely to be an expectation that the Government would fund transitional support to address impacts of ending the greyhound racing industry in the ACT. Both Labor and the Greens announced an intention to provide a transition package.

Management of Other Risks

25. There is a great deal of sentiment towards greyhound racing – both from the greyhound industry participants, who have their livelihoods at stake, and the animal welfare sector which is greatly concerned about the interests of the greyhounds.

26. The expectation of these groups, and the broader community, will need to be considered when making decisions on the above matters.

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Attachment A

INCOMING GOVERNMENT BRIEF – OCTOBER 2016

2. Reviews of the MOU into the ACT Racing Industry and the future of ACT Greyhound Racing

Portfolio and function

Racing and Gaming, Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development – Strategy and Program Design

Issue

The current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the three racing industry codes in the ACT (thoroughbred, harness and greyhound) and the Government is due to expire on 30 June 2017. A review into this MoU is impending and some of the matters which will be reviewed include:

- a. assessing the current MoU against the shared objectives contained within and if these remain valid;
- b. establishing whether a new MoU is an effective vehicle for meeting shared objectives with the three racing industry codes;
- c. quantifying the level of economic return to the Territory for each of the three racing codes separately;
- d. consideration of the process of funding for the racing industry; and
- e. developing new meaningful and measurable key performance indicators which the industry will be held against.

The NSW Government has recently reversed the ban on greyhound racing in NSW (they will reverse the legislative amendments which passed on 24 August 2016 enabling the ban to take effect from 1 July 2017). There will be a tightening of regulation and management of greyhound racing in NSW and the impact of this to the ACT is currently unknown. Once the detail is determined in NSW, the impact on the ACT can be clarified.

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- b. determine what arrangements the ACT would have to consider in the regulation and management of greyhound racing in the ACT; and
- c. consider any animal welfare matters of greyhound racing in the Territory.

Current status

On 7 July 2016, following the announcement by the NSW Government to ban greyhound racing in NSW, the ACT Government stated that it would consider the Special Inquiry Report and the NSW program of reform alongside the review into the MoU to help inform the Government's decision on the future of greyhound racing in the ACT.

On 24 August 2016, the Minister for Racing and Gaming confirmed via a radio interview on 666 ABC Canberra that the Government is undertaking a review into the current MoU with the ACT racing industry.

On 11 October 2016, the NSW Government reversed their decision to ban greyhound racing in NSW. Instead, they are going to tighten the regulation and management of greyhound racing, including closing a number of greyhound racing tracks; imposing a 'bond' on dogs bred; capping the breeding level to 2,000; and managing the 'whole of life' dog cycle. The impact to the ACT of these changes is currently unknown as detail hasn't been provided.

Processes are currently being prepared to undertake the review of the MoU.

Critical dates and reasons

The MoU expires on 30 June 2017 and the racing industry will be seeking certainty of funding. It is therefore essential that a review into the MoU with the racing industry be completed prior to the expiration to allow time to consider the findings and negotiate and finalise a future MoU if required.

A review into the greyhound industry in the ACT needs to occur as soon as possible but will have to be deferred until after confirmation of the NSW arrangements are known.

Financial considerations

The ACT Government currently provides grants to the ACT racing industry of around \$8 million per annum. Of this, the CGRC receives around \$1 million per annum which equates to 12.5 per cent. This allocation of assistance has been determined by agreement among the three racing codes.

Subject to the outcomes of the review of greyhound racing in the ACT, and subsequent Government decision, after 1 July 2017 the greyhound funding (\$1 million) would either be maintained for the current purposes; used for other, but related, purposes such as to assist with the re-homing of greyhounds and assist those within the industry, or discontinued.

The cost of the reviews is estimated at around \$300,000.

Recommended approach and timing

Support the position taken by the previous ACT Government in completing the two reviews.

If the outcome of the review into the greyhound racing industry in the ACT is to ban greyhound racing then a legislative proposal will most likely be brought forward for

consideration in early 2017 (timing will depend on when the review is completed) proposing to amend the relevant legislation which would include:

- Amendments to the *Racing Act 1999* and the *Gambling and Racing Control Act 1999* could be required to address the end of greyhound racing in the ACT or to implement other recommendations.
- Amendments to the *Domestic Animals Act 2000* and the *Animal Welfare Act 1992* could be required in relation to the keeping, training and breeding of greyhounds for racing.

Amendments to current legislation would be subject to Government prioritisation, and the requisite Cabinet process.

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Greyhound Racing in the ACT – Public comments

Andrew Barr ACT Chief Minister – Facebook post on 7 July at 16:09

"I'm in Wellington, New Zealand, and have just heard the news out of NSW on the future of greyhound racing in that state.

Having had an initial look at the NSW report, we agree with the decision of the NSW government. There is no future for this industry in the ACT.

We will consider the findings of the NSW report before announcing a process to end the practice of greyhound racing in the ACT.

The findings from the Special Commission of Inquiry into the NSW greyhound racing industry are damning.

The widespread animal cruelty uncovered in the Inquiry, along with the assessment that the industry is not capable of reform, has led the NSW Government to take the significant decision to end the industry in NSW.

The ACT Government is deeply concerned by the findings of the inquiry.

In particular, the continued practice of live baiting and the mass killing of greyhounds by NSW based trainers.

A significant number of trainers that race in Canberra are based in NSW.

The Government cannot continue to support an industry that is turning a blind eye to the sort of behaviour and cruelty uncovered by the Special Commission of Inquiry.

It is untenable for the ACT Government to continue allowing, and financially supporting the practice of greyhound racing.

Before this announcement by the NSW Government, we had begun developing Terms of Reference for a review into the Government's MOU with the ACT Racing industry, which is due to expire in June of 2017.

The urgent review into the Special Inquiry Report will also consider the implications of ending the greyhound racing industry in Canberra."

ACT Government (Open Government) website – released 27 July 2016

ACT position on the future of greyhound racing to be discussed at the Australasian Racing Ministers Conference

“Minister for Racing and Gaming, Mick Gentleman will discuss the state of the Australian greyhound industry with other state and territories Racing Ministers at the Australasian Racing Ministers Conference in Darwin on Friday.

“I will be re-emphasising the ACT Government’s position that there is no future for the greyhound industry in Canberra, and I look forward to discussing our position with other jurisdictions” Minister Gentleman said.

Earlier this month, the ACT Government announced that, following findings from the Special Commission of Inquiry into the NSW Greyhound Racing Industry, it is untenable for the ACT Government to continue allowing, and financially supporting the practice of greyhound racing in the ACT.

“The program of reform in NSW will guide our process to end the practice of greyhound racing in the ACT, but is not the only factor that will be taken into account” Minister Gentleman said.

“The issues being addressed in the ACT are quite different to NSW and other jurisdictions in Australia. We are a relatively small player and most of our participants actually reside in NSW. The ACT Government currently provides assistance to the industry through annual grant funding of over \$1 million per annum” Minister Gentleman said.”

Canberra Times article 11 August 2016 –

“The ACT government will turn its attention to helping greyhound trainers “transition”, as a bill to ban the sport is rushed through the NSW Parliament.

A NSW ban – which would begin in July next year – would effectively spell the end of racing in the territory, because of how local trainers are licensed. The territory's greyhound trainers are regulated in NSW, so they would not have a licence to race if the neighbouring state's ban went ahead.

While the [NSW] bill would effectively end racing in the ACT if passed, the ACT would still need to pass its own legislation formally ending greyhound racing, gaming and racing minister Mick Gentleman's office said. Mr Gentleman said he would meet with the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club in the next couple of weeks to speak about the transition process. The racing club will be hoping the ACT government considers other options.

But the government has already said it can no longer support greyhound racing, and Mr Gentleman said on Thursday he was "pretty confident" the sport would not continue in the ACT. "We've been careful not to use the term 'ban' in the ACT," Mr Gentleman said, while acknowledging the impact of the NSW bill."

ABC Radio 24 August 2016 –

GENEVIEVE JACOBS: So you're saying that although it's a small industry and there hasn't been live baiting, nonetheless the concern about injuries and fatalities that are occurring right here in the ACT are enough to sustain a ban no matter the New South Wales Government does.

MICK GENTLEMAN: Well, I've been careful not to say ban because I'm not sure that we need to actually ban it. I think the operation of the New South Wales legislation will do the job. So, if they're not able to train and operate in other states, so that the ban will impose penalties for operations in other states from trainers in New South Wales, then it will be a fait accompli I think for the licensing of those races in territory. But-

GENEVIEVE JACOBS: [Interrupts] There does seem to be some confusion Minister, on reporting this morning as to whether there'll be a ban or there won't be. The industry seems to have understood what happened at your meeting quite differently. They felt that there was a softening from you, that there wouldn't be a ban, that there might be room for the industry to go ahead. So is there?

MICK GENTLEMAN: No, certainly not.

GENEVIEVE JACOBS: Okay.

MICK GENTLEMAN: So no softening of our position. Whilst we took on board their comments - and I must say they had a detailed proposal inviting an expansion of greyhound racing in the ACT - as I've said the Canberra community has said to me very clearly they don't want to see it go ahead.

GENEVIEVE JACOBS:

Well Kel Watt pitched this to me last week. He said look, this could be a genuine money making exercise, he thinks that they could effectively and fully supervise it, run - as we said - by the greyhound racing authority in Victoria, with promises about things like full-scale monitoring programs, electronic surveillance in the kennels, a sort of cradle-to-grave system to track every greyhound. Did you take on board any of their argument that this might be an economic opportunity which would be manageable on animal welfare grounds?

MICK GENTLEMAN:

I certainly did, and they gave me a detailed proposal which we will formally respond to. My concerns are that, greyhound racing has been operating for many years. And over those many years there's been numerous reports, there's been numerous inquiries, but there doesn't seem to have been any change on the ground and that's the findings from the special inquiry in New South Wales. And as I said, we run under New South Wales licensing in the ACT. So it may well be that if we were to allow the operations in the territory from New South Wales trainers that we might be operating unlawfully ourselves. So all of these, I think, legislative technicalities need to be understood. But I am pleased that the club has said that they would take part in a review process, we'd like to see as much support for re-homing greyhounds as we possibly can.

Canberra Times article 10 October 2016 –

"... But he [Chief Minister Andrew Barr] said, regardless of what happened in NSW, the ACT would not be renewing an agreement with the greyhound industry that gives it \$1 million annually. Where we do have control ... is in relation to funding and we're not going to provide the funding for prize money, or for the operation of that club beyond the current agreement, which expires on 30 June 2017" he said. The agreement was struck to support the industry following the privatisation of government betting agency ACTTAB."

"Mr Watt [Kel Watt, spokesman for the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club] said the industry would be able to survive without the government funding."

Canberra Times article 11 October 2016 –

ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr will reconsider a ban on the greyhound racing in Canberra after NSW Premier Mike Baird broke a "locked in" commitment to close the

industry. The decision comes four days before the ACT election and despite Mr Barr's assurance the industry had no future in Canberra, claiming it turned a blind eye to animal cruelty for too long.

Mr Barr, who has described the NSW decision as "disappointing", said the downsizing of the NSW industry would have significant implications on the viability of the industry in the ACT. "But regardless of what happens in a regulatory sense, I still can't see a future for the industry in the ACT and the days of the ACT taxpayer propping up the greyhound industry are over," he said.

ACT Labor has also vowed to strip the industry of \$1 million in annual taxpayer funding; a stance it believes is in line with community expectations. "We will however make funding available to assist with a transition out of the greyhound industry in the ACT," he said.

The ACT Greens condemned Mr Baird's decision and said the Canberra community had made their opposition to the greyhound racing industry clear. The greyhound racing industry in the ACT is small, exploitative and expensive," Greens candidate Caroline Le Couteur said. "We need a plan to wind down this cruel industry, not open up a new market for the NSW gambling lobby to exploit."

ABC Radio 12 October 2016 after the announcement of the NSW reversal –

Andrew Barr spoke on 666 ABC Canberra this morning, mentioning the following things

- He mentioned that they would "need to see the details of the NSW changes" before presenting a position
- He expected a 'massive scale-back of the industry'
- "The ACT is highly contingent on NSW"
- "The funding arrangements (MoU) cease on 30 June 2017 and there will be no more \$1m funding after that"
- Asked about whether the ACT can just ban the greyhound racing without aligning with NSW, he said "a scale-back in NSW plus the ACT withdrawal of funding will achieve no industry in the ACT"

Kel Watt (spokesman for the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club) followed on 666 ABC Canberra and said

- The NSW decision "was a great sense of relief"
- In June (??) Mick Gentleman gave support that the funding will continue
- "In 37 years not one animal welfare incident has occurred in the ACT"
- The ACT Greyhound industry should be recognised for bringing additional economy into the ACT – "90% of its clientele comes from interstate"
- The ACT Greyhound industry welcomed KPI's in the MoU and were keen to assist with them

- He “knew about a negotiation for future funding”

Canberra Times article 12 October 2016 –

“... Greens MLA Shane Rattenbury said the greyhound racing industry was exploitative and had no place in the ACT. “The Greens completely disagree that the taxpayers have been subsidising the greyhound industry to the tune of \$1 million a year for many years” he said. “This is not a good use of precious ACT resources so we should remove that subsidy and we should go further with legal mechanisms to bring this industry to an end.”

Canberra Times article 25 October 2016 –

“... The fate of an ACT ban has been made uncertain by the NSW government’s backflip, but Chief Minister Andrew Barr has said the \$1 million in public funding support to the local industry will end. ...”

Canberra Times article 25 October 2016 –

“... Ms Daley [Cindy Daley Greyhound Rescue Support Network co-founder] said greyhound support groups were closely watching what happened in the ACT after the election. ... Ms Daley urged the ACT government to show leadership and commit to a racing ban here, regardless of what happens in NSW.”

Processes to ban greyhound racing in the ACT

The following ACT legislation would need to be amended in order to end greyhound racing in the Territory:

- *Racing Act 1999* – Repeal Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc as a controlling body (this is done by removing Division 3.3 from the Act)
 - Consequential amendments to remove greyhound racing from the Racing Act and associated regulations.
- *Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001*
 - Amend Race and Sports Bookmaking (Rules for Sports Bookmaking Determination 2015 (No 2) – DI2015-105

A transition package would be required to end the industry in the ACT, including (but not limited to):

- Determine the timing of the closure – NSW had considered a DRAFT transition program whereby breeding would be phased out by 2019 with 2022 the end for greyhound training
 - *“Both the economic impact on greyhound trainers, and the need to have an orderly flow of greyhounds to animal welfare agencies, so they aren’t overwhelmed when racing is banned in 2017, are being considered.”*
- Determine the funding to be provided to animal welfare bodies (including Domestic Animal Services within TCCS) for re-homing, training, housing returned greyhounds etc
- Consult with stakeholders, including,
 - Canberra Greyhound Racing Club;
 - RSPCA
 - ACT Rescue & Foster (ARF)
 - ACT Greyhound Support Network (AGSN)
 - Domestic Animal Services (Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate)



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MINISTERIAL BRIEF

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To: Attorney-General

Tracking No.: MIN:2016/005591

From: Deputy Executive Director, Legislation, Policy and Programs

Date: 1 December 2016

Subject: Parliamentary Agreement - Cease funding for greyhound racing and support transition steps to end greyhound racing in the ACT

Critical Date: 9 December 2017

Critical Reason: To progress planning for engagement with the greyhound racing industry on the implementation of the Parliamentary Agreement commitment to cease funding and the operation of the industry.

- DG .../.../...
- DDG .../.../...
- CFO .../.../...

Purpose

To seek your agreement to a proposed approach to progress the Parliamentary Agreement commitment to end funding for greyhound racing and take steps to transition to an end to the operation of the greyhound industry .

Recommendations

That you:

1. Agree to the approach outlined in this brief, to give effect to the Parliamentary Agreement commitment relating to ending greyhound racing, subject to confirmation that [REDACTED]

Agreed / Not Agreed / Please Discuss

2. [REDACTED]

Noted / Please Discuss

3. Note that you will be briefed prior to meeting with representatives of the industry, with any updated information, [REDACTED] and in relation to next steps to proceed with the proposed approach.

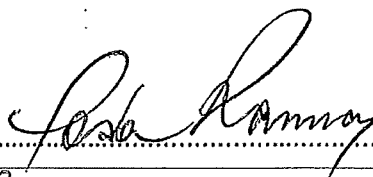
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Gordon Ramsay MLA



5/12/16

Minister's Office Feedback

As discussed - for the next 2
 • STATI in para 2
 • Coordination of longer time frame
 • for the evidence of ACT-related work (form 33)

Background

1. On 30 October 2016, the Parliamentary Agreement for the 9th Legislative Assembly for the ACT was signed. Parliamentary Agreement Commitment 13.1b states: *End the ACT Government subsidy to the ACT greyhound racing industry at the conclusion of the current MOU, and actively support the transition steps required to end the operation of the greyhound racing industry, including animal welfare and training support.*
2. Key statistics relating to the greyhound racing industry include:
 - the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club (CGRC) has approximately 148 members;
 - there are approximately 20 local trainers (noting that they are licensed by Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW));
 - the number of racing greyhound owners resident in the ACT is unclear – available data indicates somewhere between approximately 50 and 168;
 - GRNSW advised the CGRC in November 2015 that there were 3 registered breeders with kennels located in the ACT;
 - the CGRC conducts trials twice a week, with the club hosting at least 44 race meets per year. Local races are broadcast weekly on Sky1 and Sky2 racing channels;
 - in 2015 there was a total of \$764,950 given out in prize money which was up \$40,000 from 2014;
 - the CGRC has two full time employees and 20 casuals, plus several contractors (e.g. veterinarians, stewards, account services). In total it is equivalent to 8 full time staff;
 - the CGRC track is at Symonston– it is leased to the club on a 50 year concessional lease due to expire in November 2027.

Issues

Racing industry funding and the current MoU

3. The 2016-17 Budget provides for annual rolling grant funding to the local racing industry, with provision for \$34 million in grants over the four years to 2019-20. Currently the three racing clubs – Canberra Racing Club (CRC), Canberra Harness Racing Club (CHRC) and CGRC - receive \$8m per annum with the codes having agreed that this will be split with 75% going to thoroughbred racing and 12.5% each to the other two codes. Consequently the funding to the greyhound industry in 2016-17 is \$1.033m.

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4. The funding is not linked to meeting any performance indicators or achieving the medium to longer-term policy objectives that are outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government and the ACT racing industry.
5. The MoU outlines the medium to longer term policy objectives shared by the Government and the local racing clubs. The MoU reflects the Government's response to the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC) Report into the ACT racing industry which was delivered in 2011. It includes:
 - details of the funding model agreed by the Government, in response to the ICRC recommendation about funding of the racing industry, including that the allocation of the funding is based on the agreement between the clubs;
 - agreement to establish a standard performance framework, including specified key performance indicators;
 - agreement that the Government would investigate the development of multi-year contractual agreements, with reporting requirements, in consultation with industry;
 - agreement to participate in a detailed feasibility investigation into co-locating two or more of the clubs in one location; and
 - agreement to continue to work to realise economies of scale in administrative arrangements.
6. The existing MoU with the ACT racing industry expires on 30 June 2017. (A copy of the MoU is at Attachment A.)
7. Preliminary work had commenced earlier this year to scope a review of the MoU. It was proposed that the review would examine the extent to which the objectives and actions to which the industry and the Government had committed in the MoU had been delivered, whether shared objectives set out in the MoU remained relevant and whether a new MoU would be an appropriate and effective vehicle to support future shared objectives and commitments of industry and the Government. A review of the MoU has not been formally commenced.

Transition steps required to end the operation of greyhound racing industry

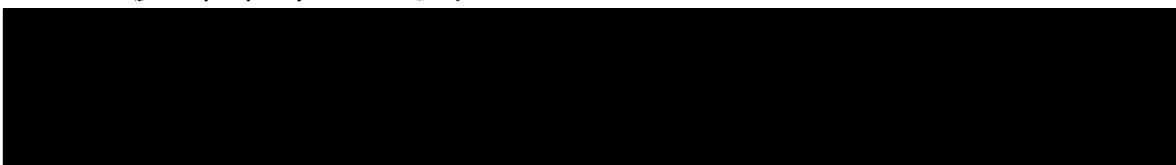
8. It is not clear that the cessation of the Government grant to the greyhound racing industry at the end of the MoU on 30 June 2017 will affect the industry's financial viability such that the industry ceases within the ACT.
9. While in a *Canberra Times* article on 14 February 2016 Debbie Collier, the CGRC Secretary stated "*the club would not be able to operate without the \$1 million government subsidy*" she also said "*the club generated a further \$700,000 to cover prize money and it was moving towards self-sustainability as international betting grew*". In a formal representation provided to the then Minister for Racing and Gaming on 23 August 2016 the CGRC identified potential growth opportunities for the local industry following the proposed ban in NSW ranging from maintaining the current structures which would involve regulation by Victoria and a moderate expansion of racing in the ACT to the establishment of a Centre for Excellence in which the ACT "would become the national home of greyhounds" in which a

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"significant race schedule will transform the local industry to a multi-million dollar industry."

10. As the NSW Government has announced that it will not be banning greyhound racing but strengthening regulations, ensuring animal welfare is a top priority and closing some NSW tracks, there is still a possible opportunity for racing activity in the Territory to grow such that the industry would be viable without the grant from the Government.
11. As the withdrawal of funding is not assured of resulting in an end to the industry in the ACT, to end to the operation of the industry, it will be necessary to amend relevant legislation to, in effect, prohibit the activity of greyhound racing.
12. Legislative prohibition was the initial response of the NSW Government to the McHugh Inquiry Report into greyhound racing in that state.



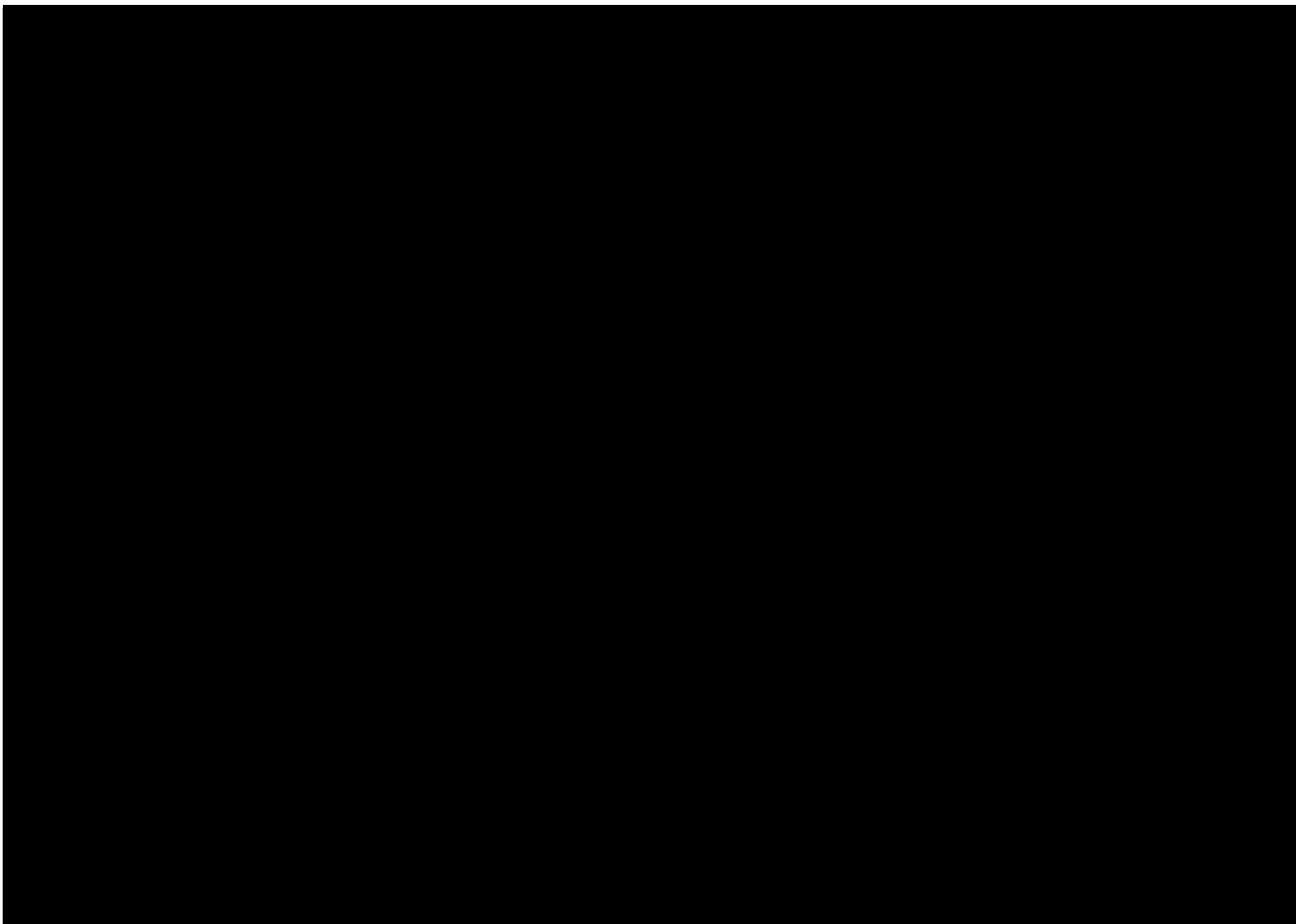
14. Subject to confirmation of the required legislative changes and any associated actions, it will be necessary to clarify the timeframe for implementation of the prohibition. Subject to discussions with industry, it is suggested that a maximum period of 12 months from the end of the current MoU be provided to transition to the end of greyhound racing in the ACT.
15. The Parliamentary Agreement makes reference to the transition steps to end the industry including measures to address animal welfare and training for those currently in the industry.
16. It is proposed that a transition package be developed, in consultation with industry, and other relevant stakeholders, including animal welfare agencies. The animal welfare package could include:
 - i. a greyhound re-homing program (components could be to assist with food costs for foster carers, free de-sexing, waivers for dog ownership costs such as registration fees, free vaccinations and microchips, and payments to vets for initial vet checks and treatments);
 - ii. support for the CGRC employees, ACT greyhound owners, trainers and others in the industry to be retrained for work in other industries.



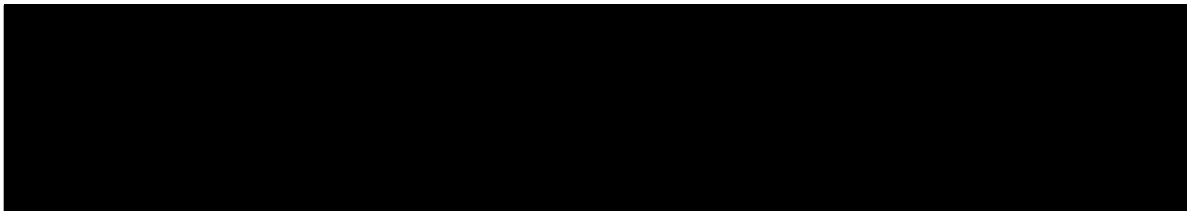
18. It is proposed that following consultation with industry on a transition package, the agreed package could be reflected in a new MoU with the CGRC to run until the end of the transition period.

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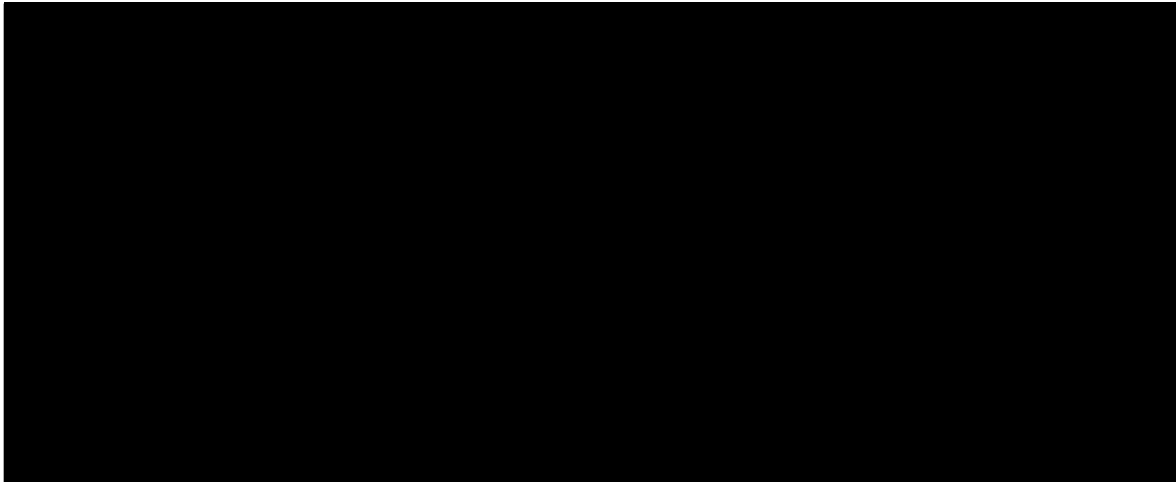
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Next stepsCease funding

21. As the funding to the greyhound industry is provided through the Budget's annual Grants and Purchased Services on behalf of the Territory, this can end at the conclusion of the current MoU through the Government's budget process.
22. Budget funding for the racing industry is included in the 2016-17 Budget forward estimates until 2019-20. The amount that would have been paid to the greyhound industry under the current allocation arrangements would have been approximately \$3m (from 2017-18 to 2019-20). It is proposed that this amount, or a proportion of this amount, be used for the purpose of the transition package.
23. It is likely that the CRC and the CHRC may seek the redirection of this funding to their codes. However, as the funding has been provided on the basis that it reflects the economic and broader social contribution made to the ACT by the racing codes, if the greyhound industry is no longer operating there is no basis on which funds formerly provided to it should be re-allocated to the other racing codes.
24. A new MoU with the CRC and CHRC would reflect the revised funding arrangements. You will be briefed separately on the proposed approach to developing a new MoU with those clubs.



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26. You have indicated that you may meet with representatives of the CGRC by the end of the year. This would provide an opportunity for the approach above to be outlined and an offer made to convene a Working Group to develop elements of the transition package. The Working Group could include industry representatives and government officials.

Financial Implications

27. The ACT Government provides approximately \$8 million per annum to the ACT racing industry with around \$1 million of this going to the CGRC.
28. As noted above, the component of grant funding that would go to the greyhound industry, if not for the Government's decision to cease funding at the end of 2016-17, which is already identified in budget forward estimates, is approximately \$3m. A decision will be required about what amount is to be applied to a transition package for the industry, including whether it is appropriate that all funding, currently factored into future budgets be available for this purpose, or a more limited amount. Work will need to proceed on the elements of the transition package to identify anticipated costs.

Consultation

Internal

29. Not applicable.

Cross Directorate

30. JACS will consult with Access Canberra and Transport and City Services (TCS) in relation to the proposed approach. It is understood that TCS officers have some concerns about the potential scale of the animal welfare element of a transition package. JACS will liaise with the Education Directorate on potential training assistance measure for the greyhound industry.

External

31. It is proposed that government agencies work closely with the greyhound industry to develop a transition package to support implementation of the Parliamentary Agreement.

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32. However, many dogs raced in the ACT come from NSW, where serious and widespread breaches of animal welfare have been demonstrated to have occurred within the industry. One of the reported owners of the winner of the 2016 CGRC Canberra Cup, who has a large kennel in Gunning, has been reported in ABC media as being a veteran trainer who records show was disqualified three times since 2005 over the discovery of prohibited substances (cocaine, anti-anxiety medication and prohibited steroids) in her dogs. The same trainer was, according to the media report, charged by Greyhound Racing NSW with "unauthorised export of dogs to Macau, where healthy Australian dogs languish in shocking conditions and are brutally slaughtered." The media report also stated that two recent investigations into the trainer by Greyhound Racing NSW had found she "displayed poor husbandry practices".
33. JACS will attempt to seek further information from NSW authorities about breaches involving individuals who participate in the ACT industry.
34. The CGRC has launched a number of media campaigns to fight the potential ban on greyhound racing in the Territory, mainly focusing on its claimed record of caring for greyhounds.
35. The Clubs website has a number of messages which have also been distributed on Facebook (details at [Attachment B](#)).
36. The Club also launched a 'Save the Dogs' campaign, to refute a number of arguments justifying a ban on greyhound racing. A copy of this material is at [Attachment C](#). Information responding to the assertions in the industry's material is at [Attachment D](#).
37. CGRC has also claimed that ACT legislation requires an independent inquiry to make the recommendation to shut down greyhound racing in the ACT. [REDACTED]
38. A communications plan will be developed and provided to your office to address the range of issues anticipated to be raised by the industry and to assist with broader communication of the Government's approach to this issue. At this stage draft talking points have been developed and are provided at [Attachment E](#). These will be further developed [REDACTED] in consultation with your office.
39. A number of newspaper articles were published when NSW initially announced a greyhound racing ban and the ACT Government announced that it was untenable to continue to fund this industry. These articles identified greyhound owners and trainers from around the region who would be affected if greyhound racing ceases. Most do not reside in the ACT.

Media Implications

40. It is anticipated that there will be continuing strong media interest in this matter, including how the Parliamentary Agreement commitment will be implemented.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – MOU between ACT Government and ACT racing industry

Attachment B – Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Facebook messages

Attachment C – Canberra Greyhound Racing Club “Save the Dog” campaign message

Attachment D – Response to Canberra Greyhound Racing Club assertions

Attachment E – Draft talking points

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Monger, Brett

From: Grattidge, Janelle
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2016 2:45 PM
To: Balaretnaraja, Ash
Cc: Cubin, Derise; Curtin, Daniel; Nowlan, Andrew; Monger, Brett; Josey, Belinda
Subject: FW: greyhound questions [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
Attachments: NSW_Greyhounds_in_ACT_01Aug2016.csv

Hi Ash,

Please find the answers to the highlighted questions below (and attached spreadsheet).

Regards,

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From: Balaretnaraja, Ash
Sent: Tuesday, 6 December 2016 5:19 PM
To: Cubin, Derise; Curtin, Daniel
Subject: FW: greyhound questions [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Derise/Dan – can you provide any advice on the highlighted q's below, or do you know if this info sits somewhere I can pull it from?

From: Monger, Brett
Sent: Tuesday, 6 December 2016 4:04 PM
To: Balaretnaraja, Ash; Josey, Belinda; Carter, Andrew; Sloan, Sean
Cc: Maclean, Natalie
Subject: greyhound questions [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Hey guys,

We have been asked to provide a brief to the Minister on greyhounds. Are you able to provide any advice (or direction on where to get advice) on any of these PLEASE ...

- Is there any record of trainers/owners who have been found guilty for animal welfare issues in NSW (or anywhere else) and have raced dogs in the ACT
 - I have seen media reports about [REDACTED] who co-trained this year's winning Canberra Cup dog

The Commission has been liaising with the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club to ascertain whether any identified or banned owners and trainers from other jurisdictions have attended race meetings held by the

Club. The Commission has initiated inspections of the venue and has attended race meetings and training sessions in order to monitor activity.

- In late February 2015, the Commission ascertained that one trainer currently under investigation in NSW has previously raced in the ACT (in September 2013). At that time the person was suspended in NSW pending investigation outcomes.
- On 5 March 2015, the Commission received further information that one suspended Victorian trainer has raced in the ACT. The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has advised that the trainer in question has attended Canberra Cup meetings on a number of occasions.

The Commission is continuing to liaise with the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club and inter-state regulatory bodies on this matter. The Commission has undertaken periodic investigations and no incidents of live baiting or mistreatment of greyhounds has been identified within the ACT industry.

- Do you have to have a relationship with CGRC to race greyhounds in Canberra (eg be registered with them)

You are not required to be member of the CGRC to race greyhounds.

- Are you aware of any reports of animal welfare issues in the ACT
 - The CGRC have stated on numerous occasions that this is the case, but are we aware of any??
- What is the Gambling and Racing Commission's role in greyhound racing regulation

While the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission (the Commission) is responsible for the regulation of gambling activities and associated matters under the Racing Act 1999, the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club, under the auspices of Greyhounds Australasia, is responsible for the conduct of greyhound racing, the registration of owners and trainers and the control of race day activities under their Rules of Racing.

In controlling greyhound racing in the ACT, the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has a reciprocal arrangement with Greyhound Racing NSW to licence all ACT trainers and to investigate matters relevant to ACT racing.

The Commission administers the Racing Act 1999 (the Act). Broadly speaking, the Act provides for the establishment of controlling bodies within the ACT for the three codes of racing, and provides for them to be the controlling bodies in respect of their particular codes. The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc is responsible for greyhound racing in the ACT under the Act.

As a controlling body, Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc may adopt rules that allow for the conduct of greyhound racing within the jurisdiction. This includes ensuring the appropriate conduct of owners and trainers. As part of this arrangement, it is understood that all trainers who participate in greyhound racing in the ACT are licensed through Greyhound Racing NSW.

The Canberra Greyhound Racing Club has responsibilities under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to conduct its operations professionally and within the Territory's laws.

- What level of checking is done by GRNSW (what does the commission receive from them)
- How many owners are there in the ACT & region
- See attached spreadsheet provided by Greyhound Racing NSW in August 2016.
- Who and where are the ACT participants in greyhound racing in the ACT
- Participants of greyhound racing in the ACT are primarily located in NSW.
- Greyhound Racing NSW provided the attached spreadsheet in August 2016. At that time there were 96 greyhounds kenneled in the ACT that are registered for racing. Not all greyhounds kenneled in the

ACT are owned by ACT residents and some greyhounds kenneled in the ACT are trained by NSW residents. Some greyhounds are not named as they are only named once they race.

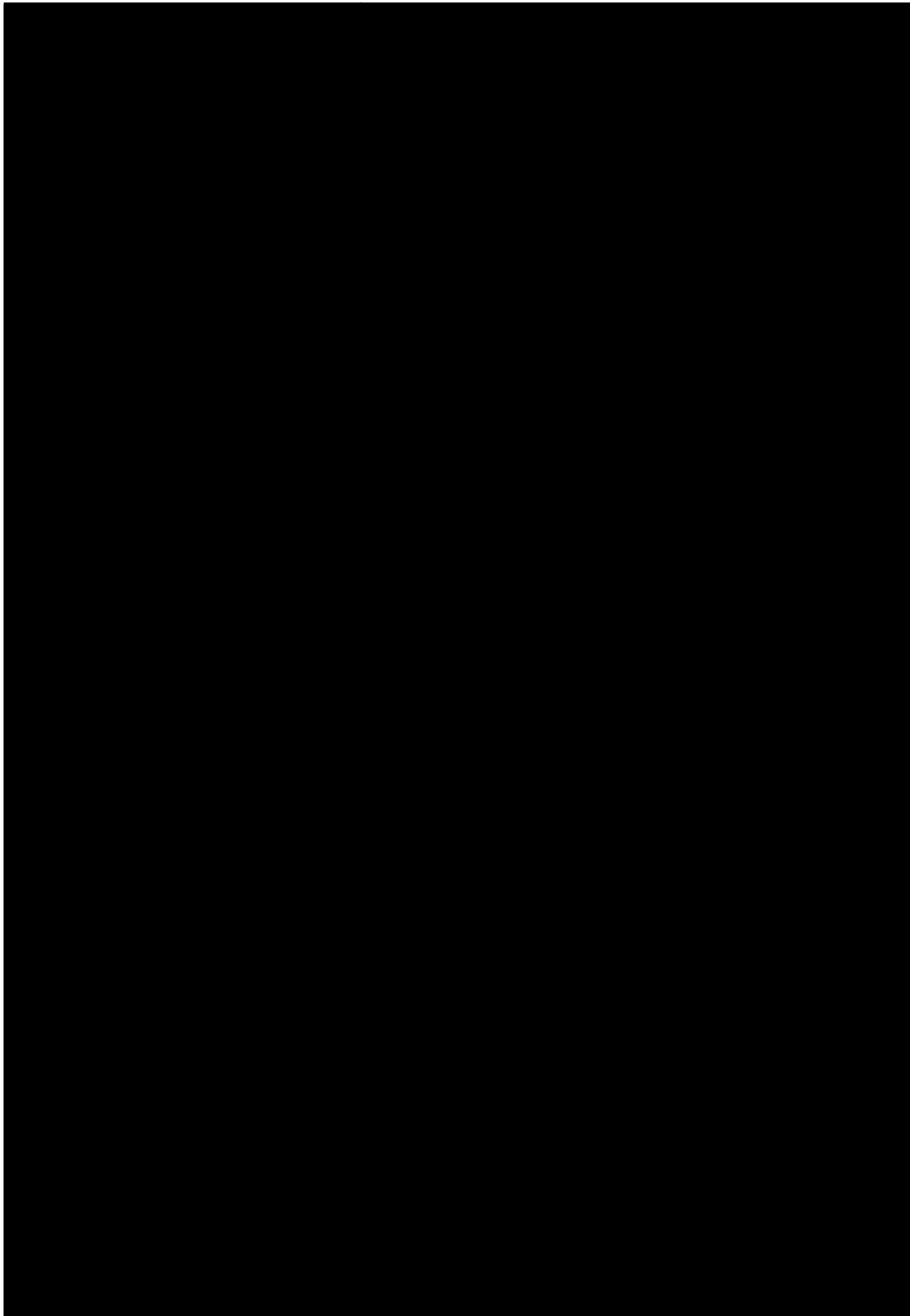
I'd appreciate any advice you can give.

Thanks

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JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

ASSEMBLY BRIEF

Minister: Attorney-General

ISSUE: Racing Industry Funding

Context

The Government funds the racing industry in the ACT through the provision of annual grants. The industry would like to establish a longer-term funding arrangement.

Talking Points

- The 2016-17 Budget provides for annual rolling grant funding to the local racing industry (thoroughbred, harness and greyhound). In 2016-17 funding to industry is approximately \$8.2 million. Total funding from 2016-17 to 2019-20 is approximately \$34 million.

Estimated Outcome	2016-17 Budget \$'000	2017-18 Estimate \$'000	2018-19 Estimate \$'000	2019-20 Estimate \$'000	Total \$'000
	8,227	8,432	8,601	8,773	34,033

Source: CMTEDD Strategic Finance

- The Government has committed in the Parliamentary Agreement to end funding for greyhound racing at the expiry of the current Memorandum of Understanding with the racing industry – that is 30 June 2017.
- The Parliamentary Agreement also includes the Government's commitment to transition to end the greyhound racing industry in the Territory, including providing support for animal welfare measures and training for those currently in the industry. The Government is considering using the funds that would have been provided to greyhound racing to support that transition.
- I expect that the thoroughbred and harness racing clubs will wish to discuss the future of funding for those racing codes. The Government proposes that this be considered in the context of reviewing the current MoU and developing a new one, taking into account the implications of ending funding to the greyhound industry.

Background

Historically, the racing industry was funded through payments from ACTTAB. However, in 2010 a move to direct budget funding from Government was driven by industry concerns about ACTTAB's competitiveness and its ability to continue to support the racing industry. ACTTAB has since been sold.

Current funding to the racing industry is included as part of CMTEDD's annual Grants and Purchased Services on behalf of the Territory. 75 per cent of funding is allocated to thoroughbred racing and 12.5 per cent each to harness and greyhound racing, as agreed between the codes.

The racing industry has previously lobbied for longer-term funding commitments from Government.

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