

Summary of findings and recommendations

- Finding 1** 41
The Committee finds that with its current structure and sources of revenue the greyhound racing industry in New South Wales may be unsustainable. Returns to trainers and owners do not cover costs, which leads to the loss of quality dogs to Victoria and elsewhere, a reduced number of industry participants and contributes to making existing clubs and tracks unviable.
- Recommendation 1** 49
That the Treasurer provide financial modelling of the economic impact on state revenue and the greyhound industry of a number of scenarios, or combinations that best reflect optimum outcomes for the future of the greyhound racing industry and the racing industry overall.
Note: The Committee will report on the above financial modelling and make relevant recommendations in its second report, which will be tabled by 30 June 2014.
- Finding 2** 68
That the current management and operational model under which the industry operates needs substantial review and restructure.
- Recommendation 2** 68
That the NSW Government review the selection process of the members of Greyhound Racing NSW and consider adding two members, with these additional positions to be elected by licensed greyhound racing industry participants.
- Recommendation 3** 69
That the board and management of Greyhound Racing NSW increase their commitment to effective consultation with the greyhound racing industry, and meet with industry stakeholders in both regional and metropolitan areas on a regular basis.
- Recommendation 4** 69
That the NSW Government consider amending the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988* so that the racing industry is brought within the jurisdiction of the Independent Commission Against Corruption.
- Recommendation 5** 70
That Greyhound Racing NSW delete Greyhound Racing Rule 86 (q), which reads ‘A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person commits or omits to do any act or engages in conduct which is in any way detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing’.
- Recommendation 6** 70
That Greyhound Racing NSW ensure that the Greyhound Racing Rules, and penalties for breaches of those rules, are applied in a fair and consistent manner.

- Recommendation 7** **70**
 That the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing confer with Greyhound Racing NSW regarding the implementation of Recommendations 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 18; and that the Government response to this report include a statement on the outcomes of any such discussions.
- Recommendation 8** **81**
 That Greyhound Racing NSW increase the number of drug swabs collected and allocate a proportion of drug swabs to a random sample of starters.
- Recommendation 9** **81**
 That Greyhound Racing NSW publish information about therapeutic substances that are permitted for treating greyhounds, including their withholding periods.
- Recommendation 10** **82**
 That Greyhound Racing NSW ensure that kennel inspections are conducted at least once every two years for all licensed premises.
- Recommendation 11** **90**
 That the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing review the integrity roles of the three racing codes, with the aim to establish a single Racing Integrity Commissioner to oversee thoroughbred racing, harness racing and greyhound racing.
- Recommendation 12** **91**
 That the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing ensure that the Racing Integrity Commissioner has the following powers over each racing body:
- to conduct annual audits of the internal integrity processes and systems;
 - to investigate complaints made about the integrity processes and systems;
 - to conduct own motion inquiries that do not relate to any specific complaint and may include an investigation into systematic issues in racing;
 - to facilitate the exchange of information between the controlling bodies, the NSW Police and other law enforcement agencies, as appropriate;
- and that it be funded by the State Government and independent of the controlling bodies.
- Recommendation 13** **91**
 That if the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing does not implement Recommendation 11, then the greyhound racing Integrity Auditor be replaced with a greyhound Racing Integrity Commissioner with the same powers and funding as Recommendation 12.
- Recommendation 14** **101**
 That the Minister for Primary Industries appoint an independent inquiry to conduct an investigation into the frequency and number of litters permitted for each breeding female in the greyhound industry.
- Recommendation 15** **104**
 That Greyhound Racing NSW review best practice regarding the socialisation of greyhounds with the view to including socialisation in its animal welfare strategy.

Recommendation 16**109**

That Greyhound Racing NSW develop and implement industry standards for best practice for race track design and maintenance and the provision of veterinary services.

Recommendation 17**112**

That the NSW Government review section 21 of the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*, to include 'kennels' to ensure allegations of live baiting can be properly investigated.

Recommendation 18**114**

That Greyhound Racing NSW and/or the NSW Government commit greater resources for greyhound rehoming, including allocating funding, for greyhound adoption centres.