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## GWIC strengthens focus on wagering in the greyhound racing industry

Interim CEO of the NSW Greyhound Welfare & Interim Commission (GWIC), Mr Steve Griffin, has today signalled GWIC's intention to strengthen the integrity of wagering within the NSW Greyhound Racing Industry.

"After receiving recommendations from the former Chief Steward of Racing NSW, Mr Ray Murrphy, following his review last year, GWIC has strengthened its capability and capacity to inquire into all wagering activity in the industry," Mr Griffin said.

"It is critical that those who bet on greyhound racing have full confidence that any wagering by those participating and officiating in the greyhound racing industry is conducted within the rules and regulations governing the sport."

GWIC now has the wagering analytical capability to inquire into the wagering on any greyhound race in New South Wales. It will also be working closely with the Organised Crime Squad of NSW Police in relation to any wagering or other activity that appears to breach the *NSW Crimes Act 1900*.

"All other sporting codes go to great lengths to ensure that wagering on their sports is not undermined by activity that brings their codes into disrepute. The greyhound racing industry should be no exception," Mr Griffin said.

GWIC's wagering analysis looks to ensure participants comply with GA rule 87 which prohibits betting to lose and that racing officials fully comply with GA rule 104 (6)(c).

"I urge all participants and racing officials to familiarise themselves with these GA rules, which govern any wagering they may be considering, as breaches of these rules could result in either suspension or disqualification from the sport," Mr Griffin said.

GWIC's work on ensuring the integrity of wagering in greyhound racing is strongly supported by the Chief Executive Officer of Greyhound Racing NSW, Mr Tony Mestrov.

"We are really proud of the strong achievements we have made in advancing our sport over the past three years. Ensuring wagering is fair and in keeping with the rules will ensure that our sport will continue to go from strength to strength," Mr Mestrov said.

Mr Steve Noyce, the Chief Executive Officer of the Greyhound, Breeders, Owners & Trainers Association also added his support for strengthening the integrity of wagering by GWIC.

"Whilst the welfare of our greyhounds remains our highest priority, ensuring that wagering on greyhound racing is all above board goes without question. Coming from rugby league administration, I fully understand that wagering by anyone involved in a sporting code has to be beyond reproach. It's a non-negotiable," Mr Noyce said.

The President of Greyhound Clubs NSW, Mr Shayne Stiff said, "Greyhound Clubs NSW understand and support the importance of wagering integrity. Significant gains have been made by the greyhound industry over the past 4 years. This work has been achieved by our Regulators and Clubs who have been proactive to set strong controls around officials, have oversight on the access to information and provide quality form to those investing in our industry."

GWIC will provide further guidance on how the rules apply practically to participants in the coming weeks.

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