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GREYHOUND PARTICIPANTS' VOICES TO BE HEARD IN NEW ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission (GWIC) has established a new advisory council to allow industry participants to provide greater input into its work.

Minister responsible for Racing, Kevin Anderson, said GWIC's Industry Participants Advisory Council will open a new two way communication channel between the regulatory body and the industry.

"Consultation with participants is critical to the ongoing success of the Greyhound industry. Those who participate in the sport everyday have a wealth of experience that we need to draw on to help shape the direction of the industry," Mr Anderson said.

"Their insight is invaluable when it comes to making decisions about the operation of the sport and how the Commission implements its operational policies."

Mr Anderson said the Commission has recruited eight members to join the Council: breeders and trainers Amanda Ginn, Martin Hallinan, Gayle Materson, Tracey Hindmarsh and Mark Bell, racetrack manager Jason Lyne and owners Barry Ward and Jenny Barnett.

"The eight-strong team boasts a broad based regional representation from the Hunter to Central West and Northern Rivers, providing grass roots expertise and feedback on the wants and needs of the participants," Mr Anderson said.

"This group will meet on a regular basis to talk openly and directly to GWIC about what they're seeing and experiencing on the ground to help drive GWIC initiatives and policy.

"I know that GWIC has an exciting pipeline for projects for 2021, and this group will thoroughly road test these initiatives."

Mr Anderson said the Council members will also be providing the Commission with feedback in relation to its performance in delivering registration, compliance and race day support services.

"I want to thank all of our members for giving up their valuable time to work hand-in-hand with GWIC to improve the industry for every single participant," Mr Anderson said.

"It's great to see GWIC, its stakeholders and racing participants working together to keep the greyhound industry thriving."

The Council will hold its first monthly meeting in December.

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