

## GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

### DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

<b>Date of decision:</b>	30 June 2025
<b>Decision-makers:</b>	Senior Steward Dean Degan and Steward Ben Boyce Mortlock
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Wayne Vanderburg
<b>Rule no(s):</b>	R164(b)
<b>Charge(s):</b>	<b>Charge 1 – 164(b)</b>  Mr. Vanderburg did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by refusing to provide evidence at an investigation when directed by an Officer of the Controlling Body.
<b>Plea:</b>	Guilty
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	To issue a 27-month Disqualification  With the period of the interim suspension served by Mr. Vanderburg taken into consideration, the penalty therefore expires midnight Wednesday May 26, 2027

### DECISION:

1. Mr Vanderburg was, at all relevant times, a registered attendant with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On 21 February 2024, at the Wentworth Park Greyhound Club, Mr Vanderburg was directed by an Officer of the Controlling Body to produce evidence in relation to an inquiry. Mr. Vanderburg refused to comply with this direction.
3. On 2 May 2025 Mr Vanderburg was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**"). The Notice issued a charge against him for breach of the following Greyhound Racing Rules:

#### **Rule 164(b), Rules**

An offence is committed if a person (including an official):

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(b) refuses or fails to attend or to give evidence at an inquiry (or at any other disciplinary process, hearing or appeal proceeding) or produce a document or other thing in relation to an investigation, examination, test or inquiry (or other disciplinary process, hearing or appeal proceeding) pursuant to the Rules when directed by a Controlling Body, the Stewards, or another authorised person.

4. The Notice invited Mr Vanderburg to enter a plea and provide written submissions in relation to the Charge by Friday 9 May 2025. The penalty proposed by decision makers was a three-year disqualification.
5. On 6 May 2025 decision makers consented to an extension to respond made by Mr. Vanderburg's legal representatives.
6. On 25 May 2025 Mr Vanderburg's legal representatives provided written submissions in relation to the charge.
7. Following consideration of Mr Vanderburg's plea of guilty to the charge and the written submissions made on his behalf, the decision makers found the charge proven and determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon him;

**Charge 1 - To issue a 27-month Disqualification**

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8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision maker considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr Vanderburg's guilty plea to the charge;
  - Mr. Vanderburg's registration history within the industry with no like prior offences;
  - Personal and professional circumstances; and
  - The length of time between the commencement of the investigation and the finalisation of this matter.

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