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# Greyhound Racing Amendment (Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission) Bill 2016

## Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

## Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009* as follows:

- (a) to constitute the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission (**GRIC**) as a NSW Government agency that will, subject to Ministerial control, have functions relating to the control, supervision and regulation of greyhound racing in the State,
- (b) to confer other functions on GRIC, including the existing regulatory, registration and rule-making functions of Greyhound Racing New South Wales (which will no longer be the greyhound regulatory authority for the State and will exercise its functions in accordance with a memorandum of understanding with GRIC),
- (c) to provide for the appointment of a Greyhound Racing Integrity Commissioner who will manage and control the affairs of GRIC and for the establishment of a Board of GRIC,
- (d) to provide for the establishment of an Animal Welfare Committee to advise GRIC on matters relating to the welfare of greyhounds (the Committee will replace the Greyhound Racing Industry Consultation Group which will be abolished),
- (e) to provide that a person who is found guilty of a live baiting offence under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* will be banned for life from participating in or associating with greyhound racing,
- (f) to prevent the sale of public land used for greyhound racing from being sold except with the approval of Parliament,

- (g) to make a number of other amendments of an administrative nature or that are consequential on the establishment of GRIC and the conferral on GRIC of most of the existing regulatory functions exercised by Greyhound Racing New South Wales.

## Outline of provisions

**Clause 1** sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on 1 July 2017.

**Schedule 1** amends the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009* for the purposes described in the above overview.

**Schedule 2** contains amendments to other legislation that are consequential on the establishment of GRIC and other amendments made by Schedule 1.



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## A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009* to provide for the establishment of a Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission to control and regulate greyhound racing; and for other purposes.

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**The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:**

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**1 Name of Act**

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This Act is the *Greyhound Racing Amendment (Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission) Act 2016*.

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**2 Commencement**

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This Act commences on 1 July 2017.

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<b>Schedule 1</b>	<b>Amendment of Greyhound Racing Act 2009 No 19</b>	1
<b>[1] Section 3 Definitions</b>		2
Insert in alphabetical order in section 3 (1):		3
<i>Animal Welfare Committee</i> means the Animal Welfare Committee established under Part 2A.		4
<i>Commissioner</i> means the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commissioner appointed under Part 1A.		6
<i>GRIC</i> means the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission constituted under Part 1A.		8
<i>GRIC Board</i> means the Board of the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission established under Part 1A.		10
<b>[2] Section 3 (1), definitions of “eligible industry body”, “GRICG” and “Integrity Auditor”</b>		12
Omit the definitions.		13
<b>[3] Section 3 (1), definition of “racing official”</b>		14
Omit the definition. Insert instead:		15
<i>racing official</i> means a steward appointed by GRIC or any other member of staff of GRIC.		16
<b>[4] Part 1A</b>		18
Insert after Part 1:		19
<b>Part 1A Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission</b>		20
<b>Division 1 Constitution and management of GRIC</b>		21
<b>3A Constitution of GRIC</b>		22
(1) There is constituted by this Act a body corporate with the corporate name of the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission.		23
(2) GRIC is, for the purposes of any Act, a NSW Government agency.		25
<b>Note.</b> See section 13A of the <i>Interpretation Act 1987</i> .		26
<b>3B Ministerial control</b>		27
GRIC is subject to the control and direction of the Minister in the exercise of its functions.		28
<b>3C Appointment of Commissioner</b>		30
(1) The Governor may, on the recommendation of the Minister, appoint a Greyhound Racing Integrity Commissioner.		31
(2) A person who is, or has at any time been, a person associated with greyhound racing is not eligible to be appointed as the Commissioner.		33
(3) Schedule 1A contains provisions relating to the Commissioner.		35
(4) The Minister may, from time to time, appoint a person to act in the office of the Commissioner during the illness or absence of the Commissioner (or during a vacancy in the office of Commissioner) and the person, while so acting, has all the functions of the Commissioner and is taken to be the Commissioner.		36

(5)	The Minister may, at any time, remove a person from office as acting Commissioner.	1 2
(6)	An acting Commissioner is entitled to be paid such remuneration (including travelling and subsistence allowances) as the Minister may from time to time determine in respect of the person.	3 4 5
<b>3D</b>	<b>Commissioner to manage and control affairs of GRIC</b>	6
(1)	The affairs of GRIC are to be managed and controlled by the Commissioner in accordance with the general policies and strategic direction determined by the GRIC Board and subject to any direction by the Minister.	7 8 9
(2)	Any act, matter or thing done in the name of, or on behalf of, GRIC by the Commissioner is taken to have been done by GRIC.	10 11
<b>3E</b>	<b>GRIC Board</b>	12
(1)	There is to be a Board of the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission.	13
(2)	The GRIC Board is to consist of the following members:	14
(a)	the Commissioner,	15
(b)	2 other members appointed by the Minister (the <i>appointed members</i> ).	16
	<b>Note.</b> Schedule 1AA contains provisions relating to the members and procedure of the GRIC Board.	17 18
(3)	The appointed members are to be persons who, in the opinion of the Minister, have skills and experience relevant to matters arising under this Act and that will assist GRIC in attaining its objectives.	19 20 21
(4)	A person who is, or has at any time been, a person associated with greyhound racing is not eligible to be appointed as a member of the GRIC Board.	22 23
(5)	The GRIC Board has the following functions:	24
(a)	to determine the general policies and strategic direction of GRIC,	25
(b)	to oversee the performance of the activities of GRIC,	26
(c)	to give the Minister any information relating to the activities of GRIC that the Minister requests.	27 28
<b>3F</b>	<b>Staff</b>	29
	Persons may be employed in the Public Service under the <i>Government Sector Employment Act 2013</i> to enable GRIC to exercise its functions.	30 31
	<b>Note.</b> Section 59 of the <i>Government Sector Employment Act 2013</i> provides that the persons so employed (or whose services GRIC makes use of) may be referred to as officers or employees, or members of staff, of GRIC. Section 47A of the <i>Constitution Act 1902</i> precludes GRIC from employing staff.	32 33 34 35
<b>Division 2</b>	<b>Objectives and functions of GRIC</b>	36
<b>3G</b>	<b>Principal objectives of GRIC</b>	37
	The principal objectives of GRIC in exercising its functions are as follows:	38
(a)	to ensure and protect the integrity of greyhound racing in the State,	39
(b)	to maintain, protect and enhance animal welfare standards in the greyhound racing industry,	40 41
(c)	to maintain transparency in the greyhound racing industry, including ensuring that records relating to greyhounds that are bred for the purposes of racing are made publicly available.	42 43 44

<b>3H Functions of GRIC</b>	1
(1) GRIC has the functions conferred or imposed on it by or under this or any other Act or law.	2 3
(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the functions of GRIC include the following:	4
(a) to control, supervise and regulate greyhound racing in the State,	5
(b) 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.	6 7 8
<b>3I Duty to report contravention of greyhound welfare legislation</b>	9
If GRIC, a member of staff of GRIC or a steward appointed by GRIC becomes aware of any serious or repeated contravention of any legislation relating to the welfare of greyhounds, the contravention is to be reported to the RSPCA or the Animal Welfare League.	10 11 12 13
<b>3J Memorandum of understanding with GRNSW</b>	14
(1) GRIC is to enter into a memorandum of understanding with GRNSW in relation to the exercise of their respective functions (including the sharing of assets, staff and resources).	15 16 17
(2) The memorandum of understanding may be amended, revoked or replaced from time to time.	18 19
(3) The functions of GRIC and GRNSW are, as far as practicable, to be exercised in accordance with the memorandum of understanding.	20 21
(4) Without limiting any other provision of this section, GRIC and GRNSW are, to the maximum extent possible, to act in a complementary manner so as to achieve a unified administration of this Act.	22 23 24
<b>[5] Section 6 Membership</b>	25
Omit “or eligible industry body” from section 6 (2) (b).	26
<b>[6] Section 6 (5)</b>	27
Omit “or of an eligible industry body”.	28
<b>[7] Section 9 Functions of GRNSW</b>	29
Omit section 9 (2) (a) and (b).	30
<b>[8] Section 9 (2) (f) and (g)</b>	31
Insert after section 9 (2) (e):	32
(f) to promote the welfare of greyhounds,	33
(g) to publish material, including periodical publications, to inform the public about matters relating to greyhound racing, whether in the State or elsewhere.	34 35 36
<b>[9] Sections 10, 11, 17–23, 29–31, 39, 41 and 46</b>	37
Omit “GRNSW” wherever occurring. Insert instead “GRIC”.	38



<b>[10] Section 10 Miscellaneous functions of GRIC</b>	1
Insert after section 10 (2) (c):	2
(c1) without limiting paragraph (c), conduct inquiries and investigations into any matter relating to greyhound racing (including systemic issues) on its own motion or as a result of a complaint made by any person to GRIC,	3 4 5 6
(c2) in conducting any inquiry or investigation under this Act, summon a person to appear before it to give evidence on oath or by affirmation and, for that purpose, administer an oath to, or take an affirmation from, any such person,	7 8 9 10
(c3) consult with the RSPCA and the Animal Welfare League in developing or making changes to legislation relating to the welfare of greyhounds,	11 12
<b>[11] Section 10 (2) (p)</b>	13
Omit the paragraph.	14
<b>[12] Sections 10 and 11 (as amended by this Schedule)</b>	15
Renumber sections 10 and 11 as sections 3K and 3L respectively and transfer those renumbered sections to Part 1A in appropriate order.	16 17
<b>[13] Section 12 Consultation and planning</b>	18
Omit “GRICG” wherever occurring in section 12 (2) and (3). Insert instead “GRIC”.	19
<b>[14] Section 15 Arrangements for use of staff and facilities of HRNSW or Racing New South Wales</b>	20 21
Omit the section.	22
<b>[15] Part 2A</b>	23
Insert after Part 2:	24
<b>Part 2A Animal Welfare Committee</b>	25
<b>16A Establishment of Animal Welfare Committee</b>	26
(1) The Animal Welfare Committee is established.	27
(2) The Animal Welfare Committee is to consist of the following members appointed by the Minister:	28 29
(a) a person who, in the opinion of the Minister, has relevant experience and knowledge relating to the ethics of animal welfare,	30 31
(b) a person nominated by the GRIC Board who has extensive experience in, and knowledge of, animal welfare at a senior level,	32 33
(c) a person who is registered under the <i>Veterinary Practice Act 2003</i> as a veterinary practitioner and who is working in private practice.	34 35
<b>Note.</b> Schedule 1AA contains provisions relating to the members and procedure of the Animal Welfare Committee.	36 37
<b>16B Functions of Animal Welfare Committee</b>	38
(1) The Animal Welfare Committee has the following functions:	39
(a) to provide advice to GRIC, whether on its own initiative or at the request of GRIC, on any matter relating to the welfare of greyhounds including the formulation of welfare policies and standards,	40 41 42

(b)	such other functions as are conferred or imposed on it by or under this or any other Act.	1 2
(2)	GRIC is, in exercising its functions, to have regard to any advice it receives from the Animal Welfare Committee.	3 4
<b>[16]</b>	<b>Section 22A</b>	5
	Insert after section 22:	6
	<b>22A Life ban for committing live baiting offence</b>	7
	If a court finds a person guilty of committing an offence under section 21 (1) (d) or (e) of the <i>Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979</i> :	8 9
	(a) the person's registration (if any) under this Act is automatically cancelled, and	10 11
	(b) the person is permanently disqualified from participating in or associating with greyhound racing in any capacity.	12 13
<b>[17]</b>	<b>Part 3, Division 3, heading</b>	14
	Omit "Greyhound Racing Integrity Auditor".	15
	Insert instead "Complaints against racing officials".	16
<b>[18]</b>	<b>Sections 25, 26 and 28</b>	17
	Omit the sections.	18
<b>[19]</b>	<b>Section 27 Inquiries and investigations by GRIC in relation to complaint</b>	19
	Omit "the Integrity Auditor" and "The Integrity Auditor" wherever occurring.	20
	Insert instead "GRIC".	21
<b>[20]</b>	<b>Section 30 Greyhound Racing clubs to provide information and documents</b>	22
	Omit "referred to in section 9 (2) (a) or (c) or 29".	23
<b>[21]</b>	<b>Part 5 Greyhound Racing Industry Consultation Group</b>	24
	Omit the Part.	25
<b>[22]</b>	<b>Sections 41A and 41B</b>	26
	Insert after section 41:	27
	<b>41A Annual report to include additional matters</b>	28
	The annual report of GRIC required to be prepared under the <i>Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Act 1984</i> must include the following particulars:	29 30
	(a) the outcome of any greyhound breeding management system administered by GRIC during the reporting period,	31 32
	(b) any disciplinary action taken by GRIC during the reporting period against any person or body in respect of a breach of a rule,	33 34
	(c) any testing for the presence of a prohibited substance carried out on any greyhound during the reporting period and the outcome of such testing,	35 36
	(d) any investigation into alleged breaches of any code of conduct or practice or guidelines relating to animal welfare conducted by GRIC during the reporting period and the outcome of any such investigation,	37 38 39

(e)	any prosecution for an offence relating to the welfare of greyhounds brought by the RSPCA, the Animal Welfare League or the NSW Police Force during the reporting period and the outcome of any such prosecution,	1 2 3 4
(f)	the action taken by GRIC during the reporting period to promote and maintain the welfare of greyhounds,	5 6
(g)	the following statistical information:	7
(i)	the number, as at the end of the reporting period, of registered greyhound racing tracks, registered greyhound trial tracks, registered greyhounds and persons associated with greyhound racing who are registered,	8 9 10 11
(ii)	the number of holders of racecourse licences for meetings for greyhound racing as at the end of the reporting period,	12 13
(iii)	the number of litters of greyhounds registered during the reporting period,	14 15
(iv)	the number of greyhounds injured and in respect of which a period of 21 days or more of incapacitation is imposed during the reporting period,	16 17 18
(v)	the number of certificates of euthanasia of greyhounds issued by veterinary practitioners during the reporting period,	19 20
(vi)	the number of greyhounds transferred into greyhound adoption programs during the reporting period and the number of greyhounds adopted under any such program,	21 22 23
(h)	details of complaints received by GRIC under this Act and the action taken in relation to any such complaint.	24 25
<b>41B</b>	<b>Restriction on sale of public land used for greyhound racing</b>	26
	Any public land used for greyhound racing cannot be sold, leased or disposed of except with the approval of both Houses of Parliament.	27 28
<b>[23]</b>	<b>Sections 42–44</b>	29
	Omit the sections. Insert instead:	30
<b>42</b>	<b>Delegation</b>	31
(1)	GRIC may delegate the exercise of its functions (other than this power of delegation) to:	32 33
(a)	the Commissioner, or	34
(b)	a member of the GRIC Board, or	35
(c)	a member of staff of GRIC.	36
(2)	GRNSW may delegate the exercise of its functions to:	37
(a)	a member of GRNSW or the chief executive officer of GRNSW, or	38
(b)	a member of staff of GRNSW.	39
<b>43</b>	<b>Protection from personal liability</b>	40
	Anything done or omitted to be done by:	41
(a)	GRIC or GRNSW, or	42
(b)	the Commissioner, or	43
(c)	the GRIC Board, or	44

(d)	the Animal Welfare Committee, or	1
(e)	the chief executive officer of GRNSW, or	2
(f)	a steward appointed under this Act by GRIC, or	3
(g)	a person acting under the direction of GRIC, the GRIC Board, the Commissioner or GRNSW,	4 5
	does not, if the thing was done or omitted to be done in good faith for the purposes of executing this or any other Act, subject the Commissioner, any member of the GRIC Board, the Animal Welfare Committee or GRNSW (as the case requires), the chief executive officer, the steward or the person so acting personally to any action, liability, claim or demand.	6 7 8 9 10
<b>44</b>	<b>Authentication of certain documents</b>	11
	Any summons, process, demand, order, notice, statement, direction or other document requiring authentication by GRIC is sufficiently authenticated without the seal of GRIC if signed by the Commissioner or a member of staff of GRIC authorised to do so by the Commissioner.	12 13 14 15
<b>[24]</b>	<b>Section 45 Proof of certain matters not required</b>	16
	Omit the section.	17
<b>[25]</b>	<b>Schedules 1A and 1AA</b>	18
	Insert before Schedule 1:	19
	<b>Schedule 1A Provisions relating to Commissioner</b>	20
	(Section 3C)	21
<b>1</b>	<b>Term of office</b>	22
	The Commissioner holds office for such term, not exceeding 5 years, as may be specified in the instrument of appointment, but is eligible (if otherwise qualified) for re-appointment.	23 24 25
<b>2</b>	<b>Full-time office</b>	26
	The office of Commissioner is a full-time office and the holder of the office is required to hold it on that basis, except to the extent permitted by the Minister.	27 28
<b>3</b>	<b>Employment and remuneration</b>	29
(1)	The employment of the Commissioner is (subject to this Schedule) to be governed by a contract of employment between the Commissioner and the Minister.	30 31 32
(2)	The following provisions of or made under the <i>Government Sector Employment Act 2013</i> relating to the employment of Public Service senior executives apply to the Commissioner (but in the application of those provisions a reference to the employer of any such executive is to be read as a reference to the Minister):	33 34 35 36 37
(a)	provisions relating to the band in which an executive is to be employed,	38
(b)	provisions relating to the contract of employment of an executive,	39
(c)	provisions relating to the remuneration, employment benefits and allowances of an executive,	40 41
(d)	provisions relating to the termination of employment of an executive.	42

<b>4 Vacancy in office</b>	1
(1) The office of Commissioner becomes vacant if the holder:	2
(a) dies, or	3
(b) completes a term of office and is not re-appointed, or	4
(c) resigns the office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister, or	5
(d) becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with his or her creditors or makes an assignment of his or her remuneration for their benefit, or	6 7 8
(e) becomes a mentally incapacitated person, or	9
(f) is convicted in New South Wales of an offence that is punishable by imprisonment for 12 months or more or is convicted elsewhere than in New South Wales of an offence that, if committed in New South Wales, would be an offence so punishable, or	10 11 12 13
(g) is removed from office under clause 3.	14
(2) If the office of Commissioner becomes vacant, a person is, subject to this Act, to be appointed to fill the vacancy.	15 16
<b>5 Commissioner not Public Service employee</b>	17
The office of Commissioner is a statutory office and the provisions of the <i>Government Sector Employment Act 2013</i> relating to the employment of Public Service employees do not apply to that office (except as provided by clause 3).	18 19 20 21
<b>Schedule 1AA Provisions relating to GRIC Board and Animal Welfare Committee</b>	22 23
(Sections 3E and 16A)	24
<b>1 Definitions</b>	25
In this Schedule:	26
<b>appointed member</b> of a body means a member of the body who is appointed by the Minister.	27 28
<b>body</b> means:	29
(a) the GRIC Board, or	30
(b) the Animal Welfare Committee.	31
<b>member</b> of a body means any member of the body.	32
<b>2 Chairperson</b>	33
(1) Of the appointed members of a body, one is (in and by the member's instrument of appointment or in and by another instrument executed by the Minister) to be appointed as Chairperson of the body.	34 35 36
(2) The Minister may remove an appointed member from the office of Chairperson at any time.	37 38
(3) A person who is a member and Chairperson of a body vacates office as Chairperson if the person:	39 40
(a) is removed from that office by the Minister, or	41

(b)	resigns that office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister, or	1
(c)	ceases to be a member.	2
<b>3</b>	<b>Deputies of appointed members</b>	<b>3</b>
(1)	The Minister may, from time to time, appoint a person to be the deputy of an appointed member, and the Minister may revoke any such appointment.	4 5
(2)	In the absence of an appointed member, the member's deputy:	6
(a)	is, if available, to act in the place of the member, and	7
(b)	while so acting, has all the functions of the member and is taken to be a member.	8 9
(3)	The deputy of an appointed member who is Chairperson of a body has the member's functions as Chairperson.	10 11
(4)	A person while acting in the place of an appointed member is entitled to be paid such remuneration (including travelling and subsistence allowances) as the Minister may from time to time determine in respect of the person.	12 13 14
<b>4</b>	<b>Terms of office</b>	<b>15</b>
	Subject to this Schedule, an appointed member holds office for such period (not exceeding 3 years) as may be specified in the member's instrument of appointment, but is eligible (if otherwise qualified) for re-appointment.	16 17 18
<b>5</b>	<b>Remuneration</b>	<b>19</b>
	An appointed member is entitled to be paid such remuneration (including travelling and subsistence allowances) as the Minister may from time to time determine in respect of the member.	20 21 22
<b>6</b>	<b>Vacancy in office of appointed member</b>	<b>23</b>
(1)	The office of an appointed member becomes vacant if the member:	24
(a)	dies, or	25
(b)	completes a term of office and is not re-appointed, or	26
(c)	resigns the office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister, or	27
(d)	is removed from office by the Minister under this clause, or	28
(e)	is absent from 4 consecutive meetings of the body concerned of which reasonable notice has been given to the member personally or in the ordinary course of post, except on leave granted by the body or unless, before the expiration of 4 weeks after the last of those meetings, the member is excused by the body for having been absent from those meetings, or	29 30 31 32 33 34
(f)	becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with his or her creditors or makes an assignment of his or her remuneration for their benefit, or	35 36 37
(g)	becomes a mentally incapacitated person, or	38
(h)	is convicted in New South Wales of an offence that is punishable by imprisonment for 12 months or more or is convicted elsewhere than in New South Wales of an offence that, if committed in New South Wales, would be an offence so punishable.	39 40 41 42
(2)	The Minister may remove any appointed member from office at any time.	43

<b>7</b>	<b>Filling of vacancy in office of appointed member</b>	1
	If the office of an appointed member becomes vacant, a person is, subject to this Act, to be appointed to fill the vacancy.	2 3
<b>8</b>	<b>Disclosure of pecuniary interests by members</b>	4
(1)	If:	5
(a)	a member of a body has a pecuniary interest in a matter being considered or about to be considered at a meeting of the body, and	6 7
(b)	the interest appears to raise a conflict with the proper performance of the member's duties in relation to the consideration of the matter,	8 9
	the member must, as soon as possible after the relevant facts have come to the member's knowledge, disclose the nature of the interest at a meeting of the body.	10 11 12
(2)	A disclosure by a member of a body at a meeting of the body that the member:	13
(a)	is a member, or is in the employment, of a specified company or other body, or	14 15
(b)	is a partner, or is in the employment, of a specified person, or	16
(c)	has some other specified interest relating to a specified company or other body or to a specified person,	17 18
	is a sufficient disclosure of the nature of the interest in any matter relating to that company or other body or to that person which may arise after the date of the disclosure and which is required to be disclosed under subclause (1).	19 20 21
(3)	Particulars of any disclosure made under this clause must be recorded by the body concerned in a book kept for the purpose and that book must be open at all reasonable hours to inspection by any person at any reasonable time for no charge.	22 23 24 25
(4)	After a member of a body has disclosed the nature of an interest in any matter, the member must not, unless the Minister or body otherwise determines:	26 27
(a)	be present during any deliberation of the body with respect to the matter, or	28 29
(b)	take part in any decision of the body with respect to the matter.	30
(5)	For the purpose of the making of a determination by a body under subclause (4), a member who has a pecuniary interest in a matter to which the disclosure relates must not:	31 32 33
(a)	be present during any deliberation of the body for the purpose of making the determination, or	34 35
(b)	take part in the making by the body of the determination.	36
(6)	A contravention of this clause does not invalidate any decision of the body concerned.	37 38
<b>9</b>	<b>Pecuniary interests required to be disclosed</b>	39
(1)	For the purposes of clause 8, a pecuniary interest is an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated as provided by subclauses (3)–(5).	40 41 42 43
(2)	A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to the matter.	44 45 46

(3)	For the purposes of clause 8, a person has a pecuniary interest in a matter if the pecuniary interest is the interest of:	1
		2
(a)	the person, or	3
(b)	another person with whom the person is associated as provided by this clause.	4
		5
(4)	A person is taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter if:	6
(a)	the person's spouse or de facto partner or a relative of the person, or a partner or employer of the person, has a pecuniary interest in the matter, or	7
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		9
(b)	the person, or a nominee, partner or employer of the person, is a member of a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter.	10
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(5)	However, a person is not taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter as referred to in subclause (4):	12
		13
(a)	if the person is unaware of the relevant pecuniary interest of the spouse, de facto partner, relative, partner, employer or company or other body, or	14
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(b)	just because the person is a member of, or is employed by, a statutory body or is employed by the Crown, or	17
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(c)	just because the person is a member of a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter, so long as the person has no beneficial interest in any shares of the company or body.	19
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<b>10</b>	<b>Effect of certain other Acts</b>	22
(1)	The provisions of the <i>Government Sector Employment Act 2013</i> relating to the employment of Public Service employees do not apply to an appointed member.	23
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(2)	If by or under any Act provision is made:	26
(a)	requiring a person who is the holder of a specified office to devote the whole of his or her time to the duties of that office, or	27
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(b)	prohibiting the person from engaging in employment outside the duties of that office,	29
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	the provision does not operate to disqualify the person from holding that office and also the office of an appointed member or from accepting and retaining any remuneration payable to the person under this Act as such a member.	31
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(3)	The office of an appointed member is not, for the purposes of any Act, an office or place of profit under the Crown.	34
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<b>11</b>	<b>General procedure</b>	36
	The procedure for the calling of meetings of a body and for the conduct of business at those meetings is, subject to this Act and the regulations, to be as determined by the body.	37
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<b>12</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	40
	The quorum for a meeting of a body is a majority of the members for the time being.	41
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<b>13</b>	<b>Presiding member</b>	1
(1)	The Chairperson of a body or, in the absence of the Chairperson, another member of the body elected to chair the meeting by the members present is to preside at a meeting of the body.	2 3 4
(2)	The person presiding at any meeting of a body has a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, has a second or casting vote.	5 6
<b>14</b>	<b>Voting</b>	7
	A decision supported by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of a body at which a quorum is present is the decision of the body.	8 9
<b>15</b>	<b>First meeting</b>	10
	The Minister is to call the first meeting of a body in such manner as the Minister thinks fit.	11 12
<b>[26]</b>	<b>Schedule 2 Provisions relating to GRICG</b>	13
	Omit the Schedule.	14
<b>[27]</b>	<b>Schedule 3 Savings, transitional and other provisions</b>	15
	Insert after Part 2:	16
<b>Part 3</b>	<b>Provisions consequent on enactment of Greyhound Racing Amendment (Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission) Act 2016</b>	17 18 19
<b>20</b>	<b>Dissolution of Greyhound Racing Industry Consultation Group</b>	20
(1)	The Greyhound Racing Industry Consultation Group is dissolved.	21
(2)	The persons who were members of the Greyhound Racing Industry Consultation Group immediately before its dissolution cease to be members and are not entitled to any remuneration or compensation because of the loss of that office.	22 23 24 25
<b>21</b>	<b>Construction of references to GRNSW</b>	26
	A reference in any other Act or in any statutory or other instrument, or in any contract or agreement, to GRNSW is to be construed as including a reference to GRIC.	27 28 29

<b>Schedule 2</b>	<b>Amendment of other legislation</b>	1
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Australian Jockey and Sydney Turf Clubs Merger Act 2010 No 93</b>	2
[1]	<b>Section 10 Appointment of directors of merged racing club</b>	3
	Omit “Greyhound Racing New South Wales” from section 10 (4) (e).	4
	Insert instead “the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission”.	5
[2]	<b>Schedule 1 Mandatory corporate governance provisions</b>	6
	Omit the definition of <i>GRNSW</i> from clause 1 (1). Insert instead:	7
	<i>GRIC</i> means the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission constituted under the <i>Greyhound Racing Act 2009</i> .	8 9
[3]	<b>Schedule 1, clauses 5 (3) (d) and 7 (1) (j)</b>	10
	Omit “GRNSW” wherever occurring. Insert instead “GRIC”.	11
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Betting and Racing Act 1998 No 114</b>	12
[1]	<b>Section 4 Definitions</b>	13
	Omit paragraph (c) of the definition of <i>racing controlling body</i> in section 4 (1).	14
	Insert instead:	15
	(c) in relation to greyhound racing—the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission and Greyhound Racing New South Wales.	16 17
[2]	<b>Section 27 Definitions</b>	18
	Omit paragraph (c) of the definition of <i>relevant racing control body</i> . Insert instead:	19
	(c) in relation to greyhound racing—the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission and Greyhound Racing New South Wales.	20 21
<b>2.3</b>	<b>Defamation Act 2005 No 77</b>	22
[1]	<b>Schedule 1 Additional publications to which absolute privilege applies</b>	23
	Omit “GRNSW” from the heading to clause 12. Insert instead “GRIC”.	24
[2]	<b>Schedule 1, clause 12 (a)</b>	25
	Omit “Greyhound Racing New South Wales”.	26
	Insert instead “the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission”.	27
[3]	<b>Schedule 1, clause 12 (c)</b>	28
	Omit “Greyhound Racing Integrity Auditor under the <i>Greyhound Racing Act 2009</i> or the”.	29
<b>2.4</b>	<b>Harness Racing Act 2009 No 20</b>	30
[1]	<b>Section 3 Definitions</b>	31
	Omit the definition of <i>GRNSW</i> from section 3 (1).	32

<b>[2] Section 6 Membership</b>	1
Omit “or licensed by or with GRNSW” from section 6 (2) (d).	2
Insert instead “by or with the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission”.	3
<b>[3] Section 15 Arrangements for use of staff and facilities of Racing New South Wales</b>	4
Omit “GRNSW or” wherever occurring.	5
<b>[4] Section 24 Appointment of Integrity Auditor</b>	6
Omit section 24 (4) and (5).	7
<b>2.5 Liquor Act 2007 No 90</b>	8
<b>Section 4 Definitions</b>	9
Omit “Greyhound Racing New South Wales” from the definition of <i>racing club</i> in section 4 (1).	10
Insert instead “the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission”.	12
<b>2.6 Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 No 152</b>	13
<b>Schedule 2 Statutory bodies</b>	14
Insert “Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission” in alphabetical order.	15
<b>2.7 Racing Appeals Tribunal Act 1983 No 199</b>	16
<b>[1] Section 4 Definitions</b>	17
Omit the definition of <i>GRNSW</i> from section 4 (1). Insert instead:	18
<i>GRIC</i> means the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission constituted under the <i>Greyhound Racing Act 2009</i> .	19
<b>[2] Sections 15A (1) (b) and (2), 17A (1) (b) and 20 (1) (b) and (2)</b>	21
Omit “GRNSW” wherever occurring. Insert instead “GRIC”.	22
<b>2.8 Racing Appeals Tribunal Regulation 2015</b>	23
<b>[1] Clause 3 Definitions</b>	24
Omit “GRNSW” from paragraph (b) of the definition of <i>Secretary</i> in clause 3 (1).	25
Insert instead “GRIC”.	26
<b>[2] Clause 19 Costs</b>	27
Omit “GRNSW” from clause 19 (1). Insert instead “GRIC”.	28
<b>2.9 Registered Clubs Act 1976 No 31</b>	29
<b>Section 30 Rules of registered clubs</b>	30
Omit “Greyhound Racing New South Wales” from section 30 (5A) (c).	31
Insert instead “the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission”.	32

<b>2.10 Sporting Venues (Invasions) Act 2003 No 44</b>	1
<b>Section 3 Definitions</b>	2
Omit “Greyhound Racing New South Wales” from paragraph (c) of the definition of <i>controlling body</i> in section 3 (1).	3
Insert instead “the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission”.	4
Insert instead “the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission”.	5
<b>2.11 Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996 No 37</b>	6
<b>[1] Section 3 Definitions</b>	7
Omit the definition of <i>GRNSW</i> from section 3 (1).	8
<b>[2] Section 6 Membership</b>	9
Omit “GRNSW” from section 6 (2) (d).	10
Insert instead “the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission”.	11
<b>[3] Section 18A Arrangements for use of staff and facilities of HRNSW</b>	12
Omit “or GRNSW” wherever occurring.	13