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Greyhounds Australasia

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Dear Sir/Madam

Greyhounds Australasia Rules Rework – Feedback: Greyhound Owners Trainers Breeders Association of Victoria Inc

The Greyhound Owners Trainers Breeders Association of Victoria Inc (**GOTBA Vic**) represents many Victorian greyhound racing participants and, through its members and volunteers, has extensive knowledge of all aspects of the sport.

Enclosed in table form are GOTBA Vic's comments on the draft amended **Greyhounds Australasia Rules**. In certain parts we have expressly sought more information from GA.

There are some good rule proposals – for example on screening limits for therapeutic substances – but there are many concerning proposals that are not in the interests of the sport of greyhound racing or its participants.

Some of the more concerning proposals – multiple attempted expansions of rules to non-registered persons, proposals to make the 'last registered person in control of a greyhound' (usually not its owner) ultimately responsible for welfare, bans on barking muzzles, unamendable 'condition' standdowns, 'immediate' notifications and others – seem unnecessary, not to mention unfair to those who must otherwise live with them if implemented.

We could not endorse many of those changes, and Controlling Bodies would be entitled to expect participant angst about them.

The rules re-write needs more work. It would have been better had participant groups been brought in far earlier than 8 weeks ago in an already 18 month process.



We are willing to respond as required should you have any questions on our comments, which have been prepared in the spirit of good faith engagement.

For any questions on this, please contact us at gotbav@gmail.com.

Sincerely

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Lynton Hogan

President, Greyhound Owners', Trainers' and Breeders' Association Vic Inc

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1. GOTBA Vic – Comments on GAR draft consultation rule amendments