

**RESPONSE TO PETITION
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

Shut down of Tasmanian Greyhound Racing:

The petition of the undersigned Citizens of Tasmania draw to the attention of the House:

The petition of the undersigned residents of Tasmania draws to the attention of the House that Premier, Jeremy Rockliff, told greyhound racing participants that his government supported their industry before the election, before announcing he would shut it down only weeks later.

Your petitioners, therefore, request the House calls on the Government to abandon the shut down of greyhound racing. Instead, work with the greyhound community to build an even better, stronger racing code that loves and cares for its animals

GOVERNMENT POSITION:

On 10 August 2025, the Government's announcement its decision to phase out greyhound racing in Tasmania by 30 June 2029.

The Government remains committed to this position and the passing of the *Greyhound Racing Legislation Amendments (Phasing Out Reform) Bill 2025*, so we can provide a balanced and practical pathway to 30 June 2029, safeguarding animal welfare while allowing industry participants time to transition.

We are getting on with the job to deliver a measured and sensible phaseout of greyhound racing with appropriate scrutiny through the Parliamentary Committee on the pathway forward.

The Government understand and appreciate there are many in the racing industry who are upset with this decision. The Government are aware there are many participants in the industry who care deeply for their animals who are extremely disappointed by this policy decision, but the reality is this the right decision for Tasmania.

As we continue to deliver a measured and sensible phaseout of greyhound racing, the Government want to be clear on their support for the broader racing industry, its participants, and our regional communities.



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