Statement on the Continuation of Greyhound Racing in South Australia

Wednesday 23 September 2026

Greyhounds Australasia (GA) welcomes the South Australian Government's decision, announced today by the Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing, the Hon Rhiannon Pearce MP, to support the continuation of greyhound racing in the state and to establish an independent integrity body for the industry. GA thanks the Minister and the Premier, the Hon Peter Malinauskas MP, for their considered approach.

The Government's decision follows the final report of the Greyhound Industry Reform Inspector, Mr Sal Perna AM, and GA thanks Mr Perna for his rigorous and independent work over the two-year reform period.

We are pleased the Report recognises the meaningful progress made since 2023 and the important cultural and operational change driven by Greyhound Racing SA (GRSA). That progress reflects what GA has long known: participants in the industry are on the whole decent, hardworking and honest people who take great care of their greyhounds.

"This is a positive outcome for greyhound racing in South Australia and across the nation. Credit belongs to SA's greyhound community and the leadership of GRSA, who together have delivered genuine reform over the past two years," said GA Chief Executive Officer, Simon Stout. "The industry has earned the right to continue, though we recognise that social licence is built every day and the good work must continue."

The GA Board and its Members are united in their support and assistance, as GRSA and stakeholders continue to prioritise animal welfare, transparency and accountability across the industry.

GA looks forward to working with the SA Government, the incoming integrity body and the local industry to further strengthen welfare and integrity standards, for a sustainable future in South Australia.

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