
4 GRNSW racing club policy



Club Funding Policy

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Club Funding Policy is the foremost GRNSW policy for all greyhound racing clubs. It outlines to clubs how the funding of racing is regulated, maintained and distributed.
- 1.2 It is made pursuant to GRNSW's statutory function to distribute money received as a result of commercial arrangements required by the *Totalizator Act 1997* and *Greyhound Racing Act 2009*.

2. Commencement of Policy

- 2.1 This policy will apply to the funds available for distribution to race clubs commencing 1 July 2014. It shall continue thereafter until otherwise amended, repealed or replaced by GRNSW.

3. Prizemoney

The minimum prizemoney levels for all TAB race meetings are set and funded by GRNSW, and distributed by electronic funds transfer into participants nominated bank accounts. All TAB race meetings are classified as either Category A, Category B or Category C, which is reflected in the tiered minimum levels of prizemoney in the tables below.

Commencing 1 September 2010 higher levels of prizemoney for distance races (565m and above) at all TAB Clubs were introduced as illustrated in tables below.

TAB prizemoney payments are based on the class of the meeting and are paid directly to participants by GRNSW.

3.1 Category A TAB Race Meetings

Wentworth Park Saturday (A1)			Wentworth Park Friday (A2)		
	Sprint	Distance		Sprint	Distance
3rd / FFA			3rd / FFA		
1st	5,178	5,700	1st	3,360	3,696
2nd	1,473	1,615	2nd	740	816
3rd	737	808	3rd	346	384
Total	7,388	8,123	Total	4,446	4,896
Travel	45	45	Travel	45	45
4th Grade			4th Grade		
1st	4,418	4,855	1st	3,360	3,696
2nd	1,283	1,411	2nd	740	816
3rd	637	694	3rd	346	384
Total	6,338	6,960	Total	4,446	4,896
Travel	45	45	Travel	45	45
5th Grade			5th Grade		
1st	4,133	4,546	1st	3,168	3,485
2nd	1,174	1,292	2nd	672	740
3rd	589	646	3rd	317	346
Total	5,896	6,484	Total	4,157	4,571
Travel	45	45	Travel	45	45

3.2 Category B TAB Race Meetings

TAB B Meetings					
	Sprint	Distance		Sprint	Distance
3rd / FFA			5th Grade		
1st	1,400	1,680	1st	1,080	1,400
2nd	410	490	2nd	315	410
3rd	205	245	3rd	155	205
Total	2,015	2,415	Total	1,550	2,015
Travel	35	35	Travel	35	35
4th Grade			Maiden		
1st	1,150	1,400	1st	830	830
2nd	330	410	2nd	240	240
3rd	165	205	3rd	115	115
Total	1,645	2,015	Total	1,185	1,185
Travel	35	35	Travel	35	35

3.3 Category C TAB Race Meetings

TAB C Meetings					
	Sprint	Distance		Sprint	Distance
3rd / FFA			5th Grade		
1st	700	840	1st	540	700
2nd	205	245	2nd	165	205
3rd	105	125	3rd	80	105
Total	1,010	1,210	Total	785	1,010
Travel	35	35	Travel	35	35
4th Grade			Maiden		
1st	575	700	1st	415	415
2nd	165	205	2nd	120	120
3rd	85	105	3rd	60	60
Total	825	1,010	Total	595	595
Travel	35	35	Travel	35	35

3.4 Mixed Grade Races

The minimum prizemoney levels for all TAB meetings are specified in the tables of 3.1, 3.2 & 3.3. In the event of a race combining two or more grades, the minimum prizemoney to be paid is equal to the highest grade/runner in the race.

3.5 Travel Subsidy

A travel subsidy is paid to all trainers who have a greyhound engaged in a race meeting, providing the greyhound has travelled to the track and has been kennelled. This is paid by the club to the trainers at the race track. The club is reimbursed through their monthly distribution allocation for these payments (see section 4).

3.6 Additional Prizemoney

Where any advertised prizemoney is higher than the minimum for a race outlined in 3.1, 3.2 & 3.3, the difference is to be paid by the club running the race meet. Should a race event contain a runner of a higher grade, GRNSW will raise the minimum levels to match the grade of runner, with any additional prizemoney to be paid by the club.

3.7 Non-TAB Prizemoney

Whilst there are no minimum prizemoney levels in place for Non-TAB clubs, to remain eligible to receive club funding (as per 4.4) clubs are required to comply with the following conditions:

- i. All Operating Standards must be adhered to;
- ii. All conditions of registration of a race club must be adhered to;
- iii. A Vet must be in attendance at all meetings;
- iv. A Club Steward must be engaged at all meetings;
- v. A race meeting must consist of a minimum of six races;
- vi. A club must give a minimum four weeks notice to add or remove a race meeting from the schedule;
- vii. Clubs must adhere to scheduling guidelines which avoid direct clashes with TAB and other Non-TAB racing in the region; and
- viii. An amount equal to no less than 60% of the lump sum funding provided by GRNSW must be paid out as prizemoney throughout the financial year.

Infringement of these conditions may result in the club being in breach of the [Club Compliance Framework](#).

4. Club Distribution Payments

Each TAB club receives a monthly distribution of funds; made up of a fixed and variable portion. The fixed portion encompasses allowances for the Club Secretary, Track Curator and club operating costs associated with running race meetings. The variable portion provides funding for staffing costs and race day meeting expenses and is paid on a per meeting basis.

Non-TAB clubs receive funding from GRNSW each financial year which finances club operations throughout the year. This allocation must be used for all aspects of club operation, including deductions of race meeting expenses and funding of prizemoney.

4.1 Club Secure Statistics

By the 7th of the following month, every TAB and Non-TAB club must submit their monthly racing statistics through the Club Secure portal. This generates information that GRNSW requires to make distribution payments to each club. Non compliance with this requirement may lead to a breach in the [Club Compliance Framework](#) and to possible delay or withholding of payments.

4.2 Monthly Distribution

GRNSW will pay each TAB club's distribution payment on a monthly basis in arrears on the 15th day of the month following or the next business day.

4.3 Meeting Loading

Each TAB club is allocated a yearly Meeting Loading amount. This dollar figure must be utilised on prizemoney payments by the club throughout the year and is provided only for use within the specific racing year. Any unused portion at the end of the year becomes void. Once the amount has depleted, the club must fund any additional prizemoney payments themselves. Non-TAB clubs are not provided a Meeting Loading.

4.4 Non-TAB Club Distribution

Non-TAB clubs are provided with a yearly allocation of funding to finance all of their operations, including vet and steward costs, and prizemoney across the year. These funding payments are to be made in conjunction with the clubs scheduling of their race meetings and paid throughout the year as per club requests. The requirement is that an amount equal to no less than 60% of the club's total funding be paid as prizemoney.

5. Abandonment

In the event of a race meeting being abandoned on the day of the race meet, the following outcomes are applied based on when the race meeting is abandoned in relation to the scheduled starting time.

5.1 Abandonment Prior To Race Meet

- 5.1.1 If the race meeting is abandoned 3 or more hours before the scheduled start time of the first race:
- The club receives their fixed and variable monthly distribution payment according to the number of meetings scheduled for that month;
 - No travel subsidies are paid to trainers;
 - Normal race meeting deductions are applied as the club receives the administration funding for the abandoned meeting; and
 - No prizemoney compensation will be distributed to connections.
- 5.1.2 If the race meeting is abandoned within 3 hours of the scheduled start time of the first race and before the official closing time of kenneling:
- The club receives their fixed and variable monthly distribution payment according to the number of meetings scheduled for that month;
 - All travel subsidies are paid to trainers required to attend; and
 - Normal race meeting deductions are applied as the club receives the administration funding for the abandoned meeting.

5.2 Abandonment After Close Of Kennels

- 5.2.1 If the race meeting is abandoned at any stage after the advertised closing time of kenneling:
- The club receives their fixed and variable monthly distribution, including the payment of travel subsidies;
 - Trainers will receive their travel subsidies at the track; and
 - Prizemoney for all incomplete races will be distributed evenly to connections, however for all races completed the results and prizemoney payments will stand.
 - For each abandoned race the prizemoney will be split equally between the runners engaged in that race and distributed to the appropriate connections via the centralized prizemoney payment system.

In the event that a final is not run due to the meeting being abandoned or part thereof, the final will not have its prizemoney distributed amongst the runners involved. Instead, the club will endeavour to postpone the event until the next available meeting.

6. Race Date Changes

Any race date request must be made in writing or email to GRNSW at least 4 weeks in advance to provide an opportunity for approval to be granted. Once approved the club will be notified and the appropriate changes made.

Please note that even when the required notice period is provided, the assumption of approval is not advised as there may be cases where such a request cannot be supported.

7. Nomination Extension Guidelines

In the event that any TAB race meeting is extended due to lack of nominations, the following guidelines may be implemented where applicable in order to ensure the best possible race meeting is produced.

7.1 Wentworth Park A2 race meetings

In the event that a Wentworth Park (A2) meet requires nominations to be extended longer than 24 hours past its original scheduled closing, GRNSW will call for nominations over all distances. Should we require drawing 280m races as part of the scheduled race meet then these events shall be run on the provision that reduced prizemoney be awarded as follows:

- 1st - \$1600
- 2nd - \$400
- 3rd - \$200

8. Club Partnership Grant

The Club Partnership Grant (CPG) is designed to assist all clubs with funding for their individual marketing and promotional efforts throughout the financial year.

Eligibility for the CPG includes the individual clubs having their own marketing plan in place and full compliance with the GRNSW Operating Standards and Guidelines.

Appendix A - NSW Greyhound Racing Clubs

TAB CLUBS

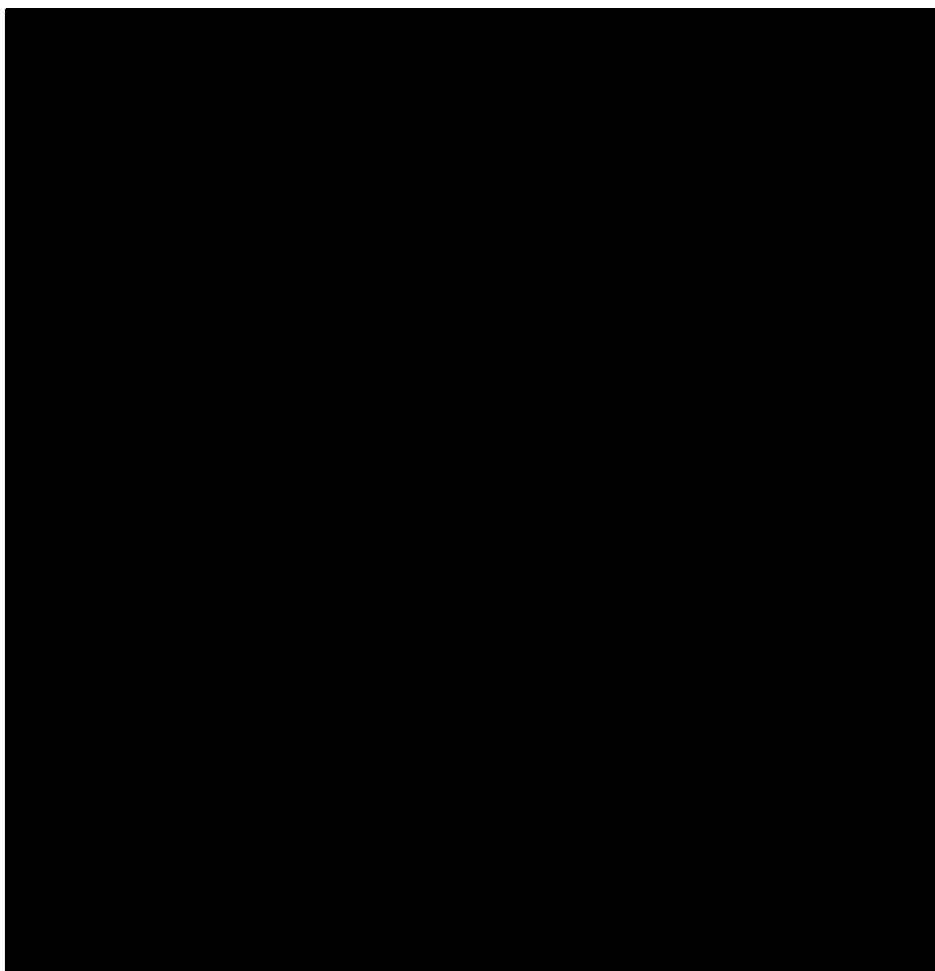
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NON-TAB CLUBS

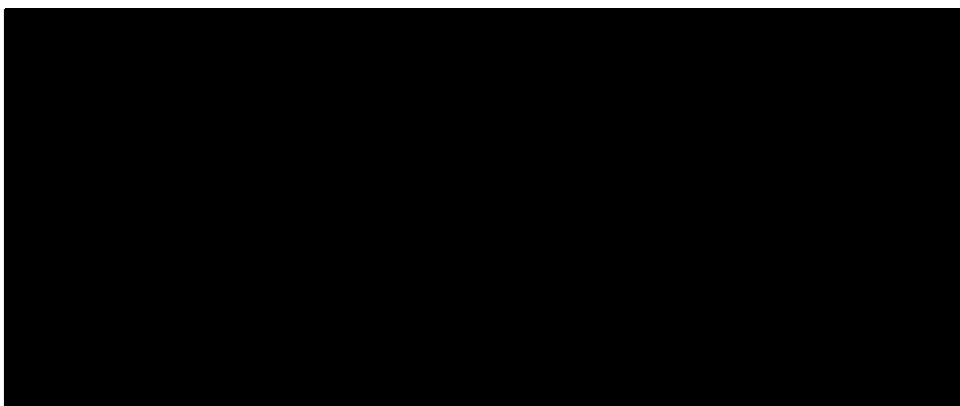
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Hastings River Greyhound Racing Club
Kempsey and MacLeay Greyhound Racing Club
Lithgow Greyhound Racing Association
Moree Greyhound Racing Club
Mudgee and District Greyhound Racing Club
Muswellbrook Mechanical Coursing Club Limited
NSW GBOTA – Appin
NSW GBOTA – Gunnedah
NSW GBOTA – Temora
Tamworth Greyhound Racing Club
Taree Greyhound Racing Club
Tweed Heads Coursing Club
Young and District Greyhound Racing Club

The above classifications may be amended by the Board of GRNSW from time to time with regard to the allocation of race dates.

Appendices



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The Legislation

Under the *Betting Tax Legislation Amendment Act 2015*, the apportionment of funds to each code is split:

- Thoroughbred Racing: 77.3%
- Harness Racing: 12.7%
- Greyhound Racing: 10%

These percentages are based on the 'Percentage of Industry Value Added' numbers contained in the IER Report into the Racing Industry in NSW.¹¹

NB: In terms of wagering contribution:

- In 2013-14, greyhound racing contributed approx. 22% of the NSW racing industry's wagering turnover.¹²
- In 2014-15, greyhound racing contributed approx. 15.9% of the NSW racing industry's wagering turnover.¹³

¹ Media Release (16 June 2015) – Tax Parity to Make NSW Premier Racing State.

² *Betting Tax Legislation Amendment Act 2015*.

³ Media Release (16 June 2015) – Tax Parity to Make NSW Premier Racing State.

⁴ *Betting Tax Legislation Amendment Act 2015*.

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⁸ Daily Telegraph, 'Off and racing on tax cut', Andrew Clennell (22 October 2015).

⁹ *Ibid*.

¹⁰ Second Reading Speech (11 November 2015) – Mr Troy Grant.

¹¹ IER Report, *Size and Scope of NSW Racing Industry* (2014), p 9.

¹² The Roar, 'Greyhounds miss out again: NSW Government's tax 'parity' favours only one code', Nathan Absalom (11 December 2015).

¹³ Racing Australia, *Racing Season 2014/2015 Fact Book* p 66.

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Tuesday, 16 June 2015

TAX PARITY TO MAKE NSW PREMIER RACING STATE

Tax rates on racing bets in NSW will be brought into line with Victoria's to boost the industry's competitiveness and make NSW the premier racing state.

The NSW Government's take from each bet has always exceeded that of Victoria's and Queensland's. It is now more than double, with NSW taxing \$3.22 per \$100 wagered compared to just \$1.28 in Victoria.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Racing Troy Grant said change was needed to ensure the racing industry thrived in NSW and was competitive with other states.

"The industry is worth \$3.3 billion per year to NSW and employs almost 56,000 people - we want to secure its future for the economy and the race-going public," Mr Grant said.

"Such an important industry needs to be able to compete on a level playing field, otherwise we're sending jobs and investment interstate."

The new racing tax scheme begins on 1 January 2016. It will involve a five-year step-down in the Government's take on bets to reach parity with Victoria in 2019-20.

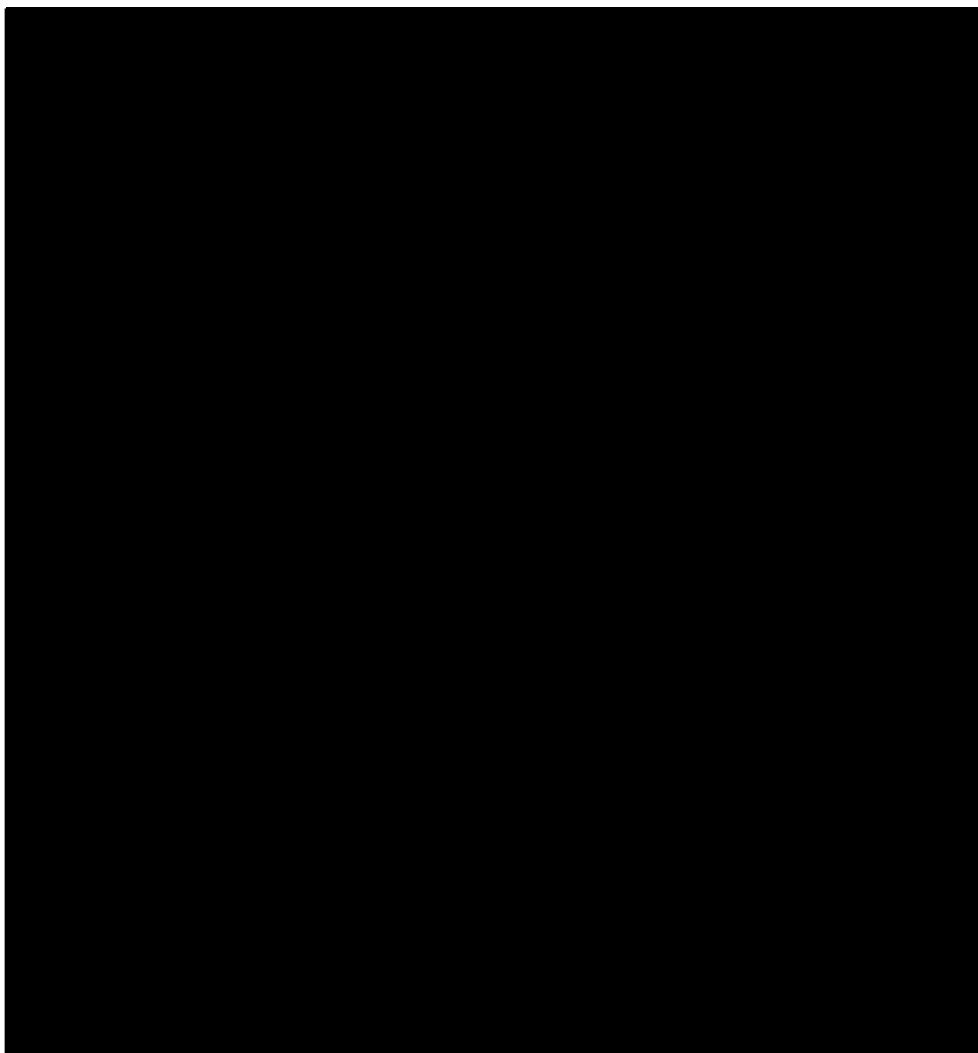
Year	Totalizator tax rate	Fixed odds tax rate	Start of rate reduction	Money back to industry	Tax per \$100 wagered
2014-15	19.11%	10.90%	Current	\$0m	\$3.22
2015-16	17.68%	10.09%	1 January 2016	\$10m	\$2.83
2016-17	14.58%	8.33%	1 January 2017	\$25m	\$2.44
2017-18	12.03%	6.87%	1 January 2018	\$45m	\$2.05
2018-19	9.32%	5.32%	1 January 2019	\$70m	\$1.66
2019-20	7.6%	4.38%	1 January 2020	\$85m	\$1.28

Over this period, \$235 million will return to industry across the state. This will be done in consultation with racing bodies to develop and sustain premier racing events, strengthen regional clubs and grow apprenticeships.

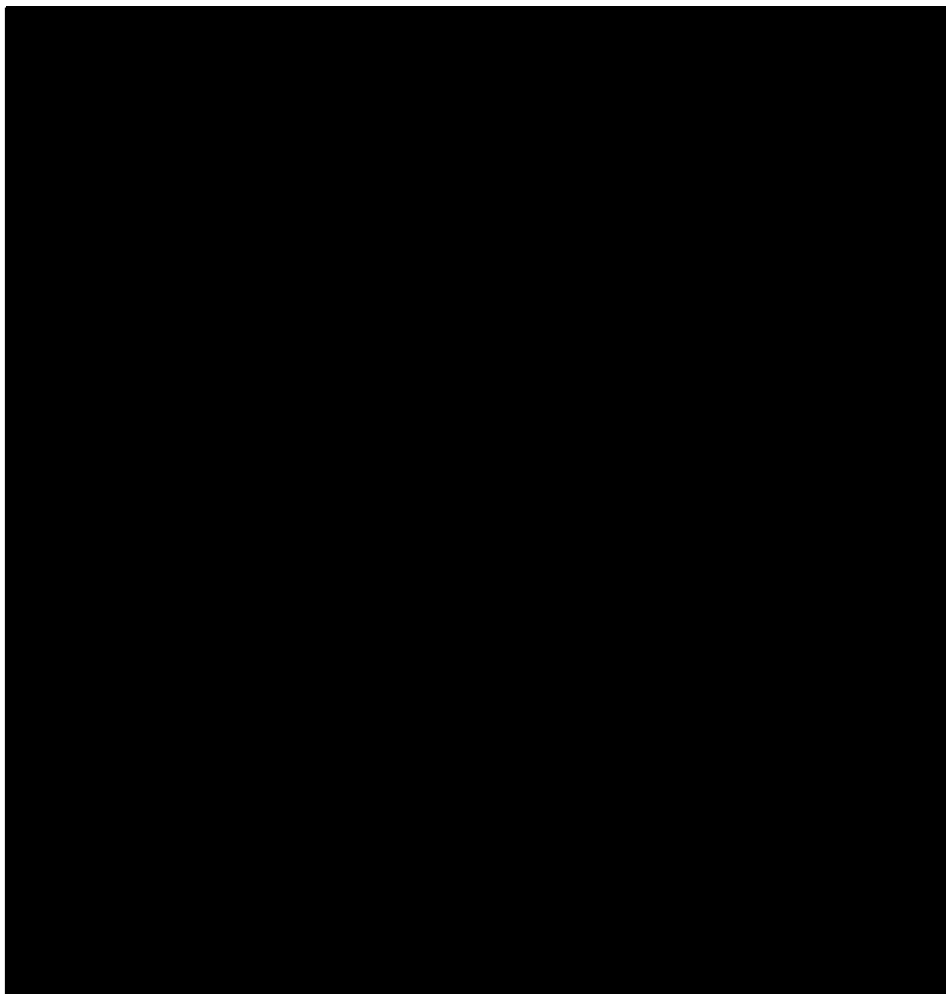
"Investments will be made in line with each code's strategic plan which is developed and agreed to by both government and industry," Mr Grant said.

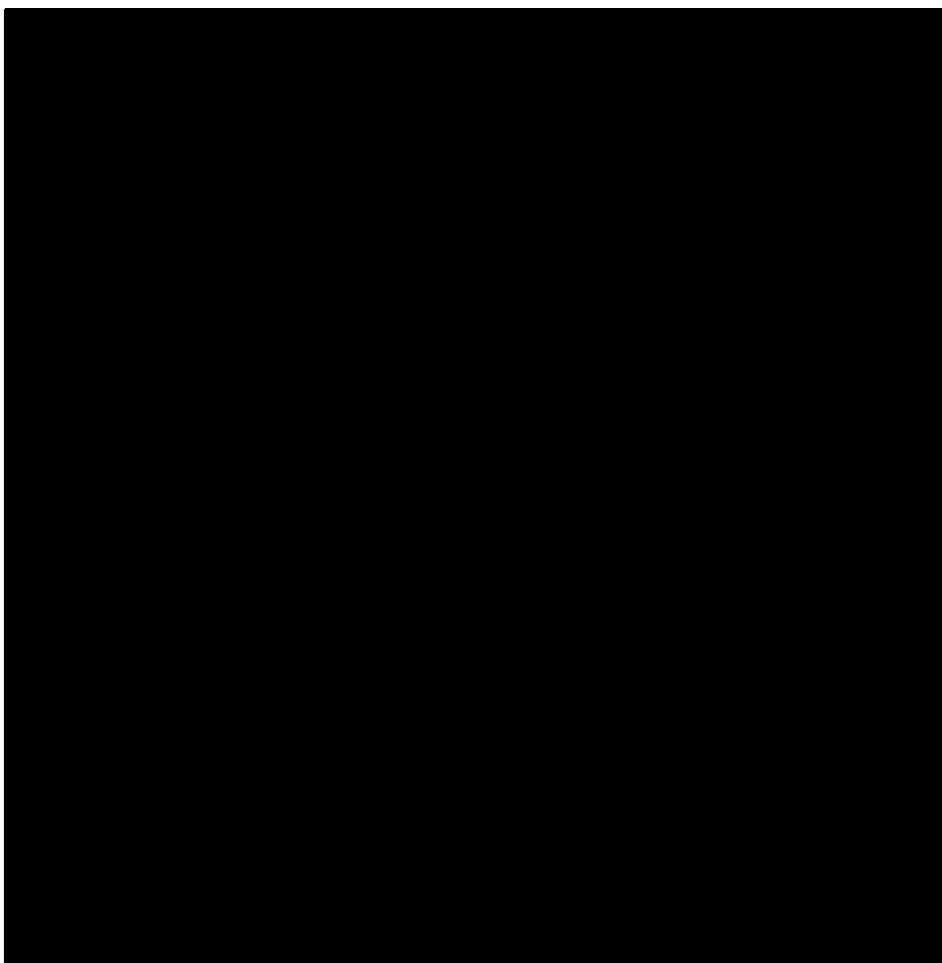
Money to be returned to the greyhound industry will be quarantined until there is an outcome of the special inquiry.

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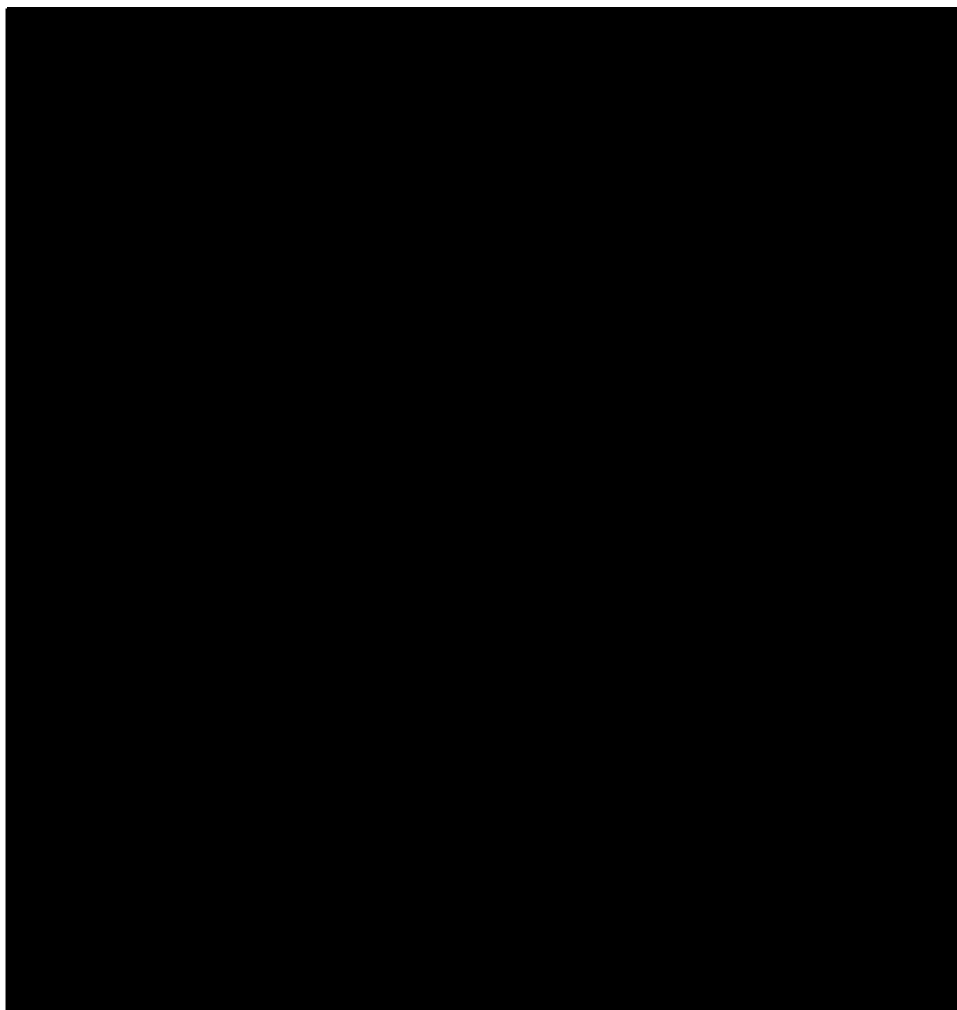


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Appendix L Map of greyhound clubs/tracks in NSW and the ACT

Report to the interim Chief Executive of Greyhound Racing NSW from the Joint Working Group
Implementing reform in the New South Wales greyhound racing industry | 29 January 2016

Figure 10: Existing greyhound racing tracks across NSW



Source: Greyhound Racing NSW

Appendix M Chart showing changes in the structure of the NSW greyhound racing industry: 2000-2016

