



New South Wales

Greyhound Racing Ban Bill 2025

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to, from 12 months after the date of assent to the proposed Act, ban greyhound racing in New South Wales by—

- (a) prohibiting, from that date, greyhound racing, the keeping of greyhounds for racing and betting on greyhound racing in New South Wales, and
- (b) prohibiting, from the date of assent to the proposed Act—
 - (i) the breeding of greyhounds in New South Wales for racing, and
 - (ii) the destruction of registered greyhounds, and
 - (iii) the transfer or export of greyhounds for racing, and
- (c) requiring the Minister to appoint an administrator to wind up greyhound racing in New South Wales and the affairs of Greyhound Racing NSW, and
- (d) providing for the repeal of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* and the dissolution of Greyhound Racing NSW.

Outline of provisions

Part 1 Preliminary

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 in part on the date of assent to the proposed Act and in part on the first anniversary of assent to the proposed Act.

Clause 3 defines certain words and expressions used in the proposed Act.

Part 2 Greyhound racing ban

Clause 4 prohibits greyhound racing and training in New South Wales and betting on greyhound racing in New South Wales.

Clause 5 terminates greyhound racecourse licenses and the registration of greyhound racing clubs and trial tracks.

Clause 6 prohibits the keeping of greyhounds for greyhound racing in or outside New South Wales. Clauses 4–6, which give effect to the ban on greyhound racing, apply from the day that is 12 months after the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Clause 7 prohibits the breeding of greyhounds for greyhound racing.

Clause 8 prohibits the destruction of a greyhound that was, on or before the date of assent to the proposed Act, registered under the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* and any greyhound born to a registered greyhound. The prohibition does not apply to the destruction of a greyhound by a veterinary practitioner if the greyhound is severely injured, diseased or otherwise in a physical condition that it is cruel to keep the greyhound alive.

Clause 9 prohibits the transfer of a greyhound to another State or Territory or the export of a greyhound overseas for racing.

Part 3 Dissolution of Greyhound Racing New South Wales

Clause 10 requires the Minister to appoint an individual as the administrator of Greyhound Racing NSW (the *administrator*).

Clause 11 requires the administrator to wind up greyhound racing in New South Wales and the affairs of Greyhound Racing NSW.

Clause 12 excludes the personal liability of the administrator for anything done or omitted to be done in good faith in relation to the administrator's functions.

Clause 13 provides for the dissolution of Greyhound Racing NSW on the repeal of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017*.

Part 4 Miscellaneous

Clause 14 provides that the proposed Act binds the Crown.

Clause 15 provides for offences under the proposed Act to be tried in the summary jurisdiction of the Local Court or the Supreme Court. Clause 15 also provides that an offence may be initiated within 3 years after the date on which evidence of the alleged offence came to the attention of an officer.

Clause 16 enables the Governor to make regulations for the purposes of the proposed Act.

Part 5 Repeal

Clause 17 provides for the repeal of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017*. The repeal will take effect on the day that is 12 months after the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 Savings, transitional and other provisions

Schedule 1 contains savings, transitional and other provisions consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act.