

Agriculture and Environment Committee

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For the past 20 years the State Government has ignored requests by the Industry to make changes to integrity & animal welfare.

The Greyhound Industry doesn't hire administrations...the Government does, yet they were only too willing to hang the Industry 'out to dry' rather than have a measured response after the FC programme last year.

Let's be very clear, the reactions and actions resulting from 'that programme', were an admission by the administration, that they had failed to administrate.

One welfare issue, was a detailed proposal of a fully self funded adoption set up. The proposal was obviously ignored. Why? It is now plain for all to see that the money and energy expended on dubious actions in the last 12months would have undeniably been better invested in the proposed facility.

With the appalling track record of previous administrations, one could not support the new all codes board due to political interference (which doesn't stem from knowledge of the Industry or a GENUINE concern for the welfare of the animal), which leads to bias and fraudulent decision making when it comes to the Greyhound Industry.

If any further proof of incompetence or bias or bastardry is required, here it is...8 YEARS ago money was set aside to build a new safe track after the closure of Parklands (req. for Comm. Games). Result..Untold animals needlessly impacted upon. Plus lost revenue. With the money in place, building a new track was surely a just a business cost. Like paying the electricity account or workers superannuation contributions. The industry shouldn't suffer and be burdened with flawed decisions because of mal administration.

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