## **Agriculture and Environment Committee**

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**Subject:** Greyhounds.

I am probably the largest greyhound owner in Queensland and see the need for improvements to integrity, welfare and management of our industry.

With this, I am supportive of the Racing Integrity Bill, however I am concerned that the changes to animal welfare and integrity issues do not go far enough, and still allow persons who have been found guilty of animal cruelty back into our sport. I am able to give examples if required.

Our sport needs to move forward without these individuals and I hope this enquiry can make the appropriate changes to ensure the integrity of greyhound racing is maintained by the removal of persons who cannot meet a high level of animal welfare.

The Queensland greyhound industry has been let down by continuous state governments over the past 20 years. The withholding of industry turnover has not allowed the industry to prosper nor has the understanding of the need for safer tracks and racing which are also animal welfare issues, and lead to higher rates of injury.

Therefore I do not support the recommendation to a new all codes board, due to continual bias that has been shown by these boards since it's introduction in 2010.

Yours sincerely Andrew Taylor

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