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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Code of Practice for the Keeping of Racing Greyhounds

In accordance with section 12I of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** (SLA), I, Jaala Pulford, Minister for Agriculture, and Minister responsible for administering the **Domestic Animals Act 1994** (DA Act), give notice of the preparation of a regulatory impact statement (RIS) in accordance with section 12E of the SLA in relation to the proposed Code of Practice for the Keeping of Racing Greyhounds (Greyhound Code).

The Greyhound Code is proposed to be made under section 63AC of the DA Act and must be complied with by any person who keeps a GRV greyhound. Under the DA Act, the keeping of a racing greyhound includes breeding, rearing, training, breaking, racing, boarding or any other activity that involves the care of a GRV greyhound.

The purpose of the Greyhound Code is to specify the minimum standards of staffing, accommodation, management, breeding and care required for the physical and behavioural needs of a racing greyhound throughout its lifecycle.

The policy objectives to be achieved by the Greyhound Code are to increase (improve) the quality of life and welfare of greyhounds, throughout their lifecycle and provide consistent management which will alleviate stress and therefore enable an easy, smooth and rapid transition to a pet at any time point in its lifecycle.

The RIS examined the impact of six options on the criteria of animal welfare, rehoming potential and compliance costs to government. After analysis of these options, the RIS concluded that the implementation of Option 3, being the proposed Greyhound Code with industry enforcement, was the option which would achieve the stated objectives with the best animal welfare and rehoming outcomes.

Public comments on the RIS and Greyhound Code are invited. Copies of the proposed Greyhound Code and accompanying RIS may be obtained –

- online at vic.gov.au/pets;
- by phoning the DEDJTR Customer Service Centre on 136 186 (between 8 am and 6 pm); or
- by emailing greyhound.code@ecodev.vic.gov.au

All submissions on the proposed Greyhound Code and RIS must be in writing and contain the submitter's name, address, affiliation (where appropriate) and a contact email address. Submissions can be made:

- online by completing the form at (vic.gov.au/pets); or
- by post to Draft Code of Practice for the Keeping of Racing Greyhounds Public Comment, Domestic Animals, 475 Mickleham Road, Attwood, Victoria 3049.

Please submit comments or submissions by no later than 5 pm on 14 August 2017.

All submissions will be treated as public documents and may be published on Agriculture Victoria's website unless the submission clearly indicates the submission is confidential.

Dated 14 June 2017

JAALA PULFORD MP
Minister for Agriculture

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