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# GREYHOUND RACING ACT 2017

## Section 88

### Notice of Inquiry

Acting Commissioner of the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission, the Hon. Lea Drake, gives notice of her intention to hold an Inquiry into Greyhound Racing NSW ('Drake Inquiry').

The Drake Inquiry will be holding hearings and is accepting written submissions until 13 September 2024.

Acting Commissioner Drake will conduct the Inquiry under Part 8 of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* into matters relating to various complaints concerning Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW).

The purpose of the Inquiry is to ensure a viable and sustainable greyhound racing industry in NSW, with the highest standards of integrity and animal welfare.

### Subject

The subject and scope of the Inquiry is to inquire into, report on and make findings and recommendations in relation to the following:

1. Greyhound welfare and the care of greyhounds by GRNSW, including management and compliance with welfare standards and any welfare concerns relating to GRNSW's management of greyhound adoption and rehoming programs, including facilitates and its other functions under the Act;
2. GRNSW processes and management, including procurement and recruitment practices, and concerns regarding any alleged or identified conflicts of interest and the management of conflicts of interest;
3. Accuracy and reporting by GRNSW in relation to greyhounds and whether that reporting represents the true state of the greyhound racing industry, including the welfare of greyhounds and the state of related programs under GRNSW's control, awareness and oversight;
4. Performance and effectiveness of GRNSW's functions under the Act and the GRNSW Operating Licence in relation to racecourse safety, management and compliance with minimum track standards;
5. GRNSW management response to compliance or concerns regarding organisational and workplace culture and conduct or any other related matters arising in the Inquiry;
6. Such other matters arising in the course of the inquiry into the matters above that the Acting Commissioner considers relevant.

### Hearings

The Drake Inquiry's hearings will start at **10am on 16 September 2024** at:

Level 11, Terrace Tower,  
80 William Street  
East Sydney, NSW, 2011

Further information, including the process and form to apply for authorisation to appear at a hearing of the Inquiry, and information on how to make a written submission, can be found at [nsw.gov.au/greyhoundinquiry](https://nsw.gov.au/greyhoundinquiry)

Acting Commissioner Drake is to provide a report of her findings and recommendations to the Minister and GWIC, in accordance with section 89 of the Act. That report is due by 13 December 2024.

Dated 26 August 2024

**Lea Drake**

**Acting Commissioner**

**Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission**