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NSW GOVERNMENT WELCOMES NEW HEAD OF GWIC

Minister for Better Regulation Kevin Anderson has welcomed the appointment of Steve Griffin as Chief Executive Officer of the Greyhound Welfare Integrity Commission, following a successful period as Interim CEO since October 2020.

Mr Anderson said Mr Griffin's appointment would ensure the organisation's commitment to developing and enforcing world-leading animal welfare and integrity standards continues.

"Since GWIC was established, NSW has implemented the highest standards of greyhound welfare in Australia and seen the lowest catastrophic greyhound racing injury rates on record.

"Over the past 12 months GWIC has introduced nation-leading reforms such as whole-of-life electronic tracking, a Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice and a Greyhound Industry Participants Advisory Council.

"Steve's extensive skills and experience in the public service leading transformational change makes him ideally placed to lead GWIC as it continues its mission to improve animal welfare standards while supporting the growth and prosperity of the greyhound racing industry.

"I look forward to continuing to work with Steve and GWIC as we look to further increase welfare standards and outcomes and encourage more and more people into the sport as either participants or spectators."

GWIC Chief Commissioner Alan Brown AM said the appointment by an expert selection panel followed an extensive public recruitment process.

"Steve is very well-placed to advance the Commission's reputation as a trusted, fair, firm and impartial regulator of the NSW greyhound racing industry," Mr Brown said.

Greyhound Racing NSW CEO Tony Mestrov said GRNSW and GWIC both play important and complementary roles in growing a sustainable and safe industry.

"I welcome Steve's appointment and I look forward to working with him as our sport goes from strength to strength," Mr Mestrov said.

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