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COMMISSION TO CONDUCT PUBLIC CONSULTATION INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission has released a schedule of information sessions for the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice (draft Code) which is currently open for public consultation.

The development of a new Code of Practice was identified by the NSW Government's Greyhound Industry Reform Panel as a key reform needed to drive long term improvements in animal welfare in the NSW greyhound racing industry.

Chief Executive Officer, Judy Lind, said information sessions will be attended by Commission staff and will be held at several clubs over NSW to give participants an opportunity to understand the draft Code, ask questions and provide feedback.

"The series of information sessions will be held over two weeks and Commission staff will be attending Wentworth Park, Wagga Wagga, The Gardens, Lismore, Dubbo and Shoalhaven clubs", Ms Lind said.

"Industry participants, stakeholders and members of the public are invited to attend an information session to be provided with an overview of the draft Code and to ask any questions or provide feedback."

The Commission is currently reviewing the need for information sessions to be held at additional clubs during the consultation period.

A copy of the draft Code of Practice is available on the Commission's website and the NSW Government *Have Your Say* site until consultation concludes on 31 March 2020. Submissions can be made via these websites or in writing to the Commission.

"I encourage participants and other stakeholders to have their say on the draft Code, by submitting feedback online or in writing so that we can continue to work towards securing a prosperous greyhound racing industry in NSW with welfare and integrity at its focus."

For more information on the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practices visit www.gwic.nsw.gov.au/consultation .

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