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One week left to have your say on the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice

The Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission is reminding everyone with an interest in the greyhound racing industry that there is only one week left to provide feedback on the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice.

Chief Executive Officer, Judy Lind, said that the feedback received so far has been extremely helpful in further shaping the final version of the Code.

“I’ve had the opportunity to speak with a number of owners, breeders and trainers across the state at our recent information sessions to get a feel for which standards work well and which ones require a bit more work,” Ms Lind said.

“The public consultation period has been really valuable to get feedback on the practicality of the draft Code.”

“Public consultation has been extended and is now due to close on 14 April, so I really encourage everyone to review the draft Code and make a submission via the Commission’s website or the NSW Have Your Say website so we can consider it during our finalisation of the Code.”

The draft Code has been developed with reference to existing Codes of Practice and establishes a single set of standards that will improve animal welfare in the NSW greyhound racing industry, and in time ensure the sustainability and longevity of the industry for the future.

The Code will also complement the Greyhound Racing Rules and will apply to all greyhound racing industry participants in NSW.

The public consultation period will close on 14 April 2020, after which all feedback and submissions will be considered, and the final Code will be developed. The final Code will then be presented to the NSW Government for endorsement.

Owners, breeder, trainers and industry stakeholders will be advised once the effective date for the new Code has been confirmed.

“When the final Code becomes effective the Commission will work with owners, breeders and trainers to support them through a transition period and allow adequate time for infrastructure updates that require financial investment,” Ms Lind said.

For more information about the draft Code or to provide your feedback, visit www.gwic.nsw.gov.au/consultation.

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