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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition No. 4464-26, tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 22 April 2026 regarding the petitioners request to ban greyhound racing in Queensland and referred to the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games for response.

On 6 December 2025, the Queensland Government released *The Next Lap: A plan for the future of Queensland racing* (The Next Lap), which detailed the Government's response to the Queensland Racing Review, including initiatives to enhance the welfare of racing and retired racing animals.

The Next Lap recognises the racing industry's contribution to the Queensland economy, and the important role it plays in the social fabric of the state. Greyhound racing generates over \$331 million in value-added contributions to the Queensland economy. Close to 2,000 individuals are directly employed in Greyhound racing roles, with many of these being in regional parts of Queensland.

The Queensland Government is a strong supporter of Greyhound racing as part of Queensland's racing industry, and is committed to strengthening trust, supporting high standards of animal welfare, and enhancing industry integrity.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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