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10. Matters of Public Interest - Recent achievements of our Ipswich sport stars at home and abroad

As you know, Ipswich punches above its weight when it comes to producing elite athletes.

We are really, really good at sport, that's just a fact. It's 'The Ipswich Effect' that has forged so many sporting careers across a variety of sports for generations.

I wanted to raise this Matters of Public Interest today to honour the incredible sporting achievements of some of Ipswich's sporting stars in the last month.

I would like to start with the 2024 HART Sapphire Series Premiers, the TAE Aerospace Ipswich Jets netball team.

The Jets defeated the Gold Coast Titans in the grand final on Sunday 4 August at Nissan Arena.

The Jets are finals veterans, taking to the court for the last six years in a row, and after their agonising loss by one point last year, they were determined to take the title.

On behalf of the City of Ipswich I would like to congratulate our remarkable netball team. Winning the state netball championship is no small feat. It represents countless hours of dedication, teamwork, and relentless effort. Each player on this team has demonstrated exceptional skill, perseverance, and an unwavering commitment to excellence and I would like to acknowledge each of you. I would like to acknowledge the Head Coach Paula Stuart, Assistant Coach Stevie Lingman, Apprentice Coach Abigail Meafou-Latu, Manager Liz Shaw and Physio, a very important job, Ruth Page. As well as the players, Captain - Stephanie O'Brien, the two Co-Vice Captains Chloe Litherland and Lenora Misa. As well as players, Elsa Sif Sandholt, Naomi Solomona, Lily Cubby, Ally McLeod, Danielle Taylor and Lily Gribble. Filling in on the night of the grand final were Ruby players Emily Latter and Mackenzie Jordan.

Your victory on the court is a testament to your hard work and an inspiration to us all. We are incredibly proud of what you have achieved and grateful for the way you have elevated the spirit of our city.

From the local, district and state leagues to national competitions, our community's enthusiasm for athletic excellence is unmatched.

The next lot of sporting achievements is as we see the Paris Olympic Games finish as we lead up to next week, the Paralympics starting. I would also like to recognise three outstanding Ipswich Olympians Mollie O'Callaghan, Ella Ramsay and Teremoana Teremoana.

2023 Australian super heavyweight champion, 2023 Pacific Games super heavyweight champion and Olympian, Teremoana Teremoana competed in Paris 2024, in his first Olympics.

A proud Cook Islander-Australian, Teremoana boxed in the +92kg division and is Australia's biggest super heavyweight in Australia's Olympic history.

The 26-year-old Camira plumber has said "I don't want to be good, I want to be great, I want to be the best."

After making it to the Quarterfinal in Paris, Teremoana is now ranked fifth in the world. Quite an extraordinary effort.

Brassall's Ella Ramsay has now realised a dream of becoming an Olympian like her dad Heath Ramsay, who represented Australia as a butterflyer at the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

Ella won a silver medal in the Women's 4 x 100 metre Medley Relay. She also competed in the 200 metre Individual Medley, 200 metre Breaststroke, and 400 metre Individual Medley.

An incredible allrounder, Ella, your podium success represents the culmination of your tireless efforts and embodies the essence of what it means to compete at the highest possible level.

The City of Ipswich will be watching your career and cheering you on in your unyielding pursuit of greatness.

Mollie O'Callaghan from Augustine Heights backed up her heroics from Tokyo with another excellent performance in the Olympic pool in Paris.

Mollie finished with a medal tally of three gold medals, a silver and a bronze from six events – Mixed 4 x 100 metre Medley Relay, Women's 100 metre Freestyle, 200 metre Freestyle, 4 x 100 metre Freestyle Relay, 4 x 200 metre Freestyle Relay, and 4 x 100 metre Medley Relay.

Mollie was Australia's most successful swimmer in Paris. This achievement is nothing short of extraordinary.

Your journey to the podium has been marked by years of sacrifice, discipline, and your success represents the culmination of your tireless efforts.

You have not only made a city and entire country proud, but you have also set a shining example for future generations of swimmers.

I would also like to acknowledge Ipswich City Council's boilermaker and fabrication team supervisor Steve Rogers, who umpired the men's hockey gold medal match in Paris. Steve is only the third ever umpire from Australia to have this honour. So, well done Dodge.

We will also be keeping an eye out for our two Ipswich Paralympians competing in the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games next week. Taymon Kenton-Smith from Springfield Lakes will be competing in the Para-archery and Poppy Wilson from Redbank Plains will be competing in the Para-swimming. We wish you both well and you have the whole of the City of Ipswich behind you.

Each victory achieved by these incredible individuals is a reflection of the collective support and encouragement from family, friends, coaches, and our entire community.

Of course we have many different sports being played across the city each weekend and there are many athletes excelling in their sport.

Only yesterday Ipswich State High School open girls' rugby league side won the Schoolgirls Cup grand final, seven seconds from fulltime, when captain Shalom Sauaso scored the winning try. They will now go on to play in the Queensland State final on 29 August.

There are stories of triumph all the time in Ipswich in many different sports. These successes remind us that our local sporting stars not only shine bright in their chosen sport, but that they also enrich the fabric of our city and pride in our city.

May these athletes continue to inspire us all as we look toward our very own Olympic and Paralympic Games in eight years, Brisbane 2032.



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13 October 2023

Mr Michael Simmons
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By email: development@ipswich.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Simmons

Re: Third Party advice for Application No. 2129/2023/MCU for proposed material change of use – intensive animal husbandry greyhound dog breeding and training facility at 763 Ipswich Boonah Road, Purga QLD 4306

I refer to Ipswich City Council's (the Council) letter dated 22 September 2023, requesting the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (the Commission) to provide its third-party advice/comment to matters raised in the submissions made to the Council during the public notification stage of the abovementioned development application.

The Commission has reviewed the '2129/2023/MCU Submissions Summary', which was available on Council's website, and has provided our response on relevant matters per the attachment.

Please note that the Commission's response is to be accepted as third-party comment only and does not represent support or objection to the proposed development.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Adam Yem, Project Director, on 0422 190 345 or via email Adam.Yem@qric.qld.gov.au.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Conner', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Natalie Conner
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Animal Welfare League Queensland (AWL Qld) proforma submission									
Matter raised by AWL Qld	QRIC comment								
1. Animal welfare issues associated with breeding									
<p>Breeding dogs for racing purposes raises significant animal welfare concerns. The proposed facility intends to produce several litters of greyhounds, which places a tremendous strain on the breeding dogs, the puppies, and the overall welfare of the animals involved. Some of the key concerns include:</p> <p>Establishing a large-scale breeding facility may lead to overbreeding, resulting in an excess population of greyhounds. This can lead to overcrowded shelters, increased euthanasia rates, and the subsequent abandonment and neglect of unwanted greyhounds.</p>	<p>Re: Overbreeding</p> <p>The following table is derived from publicly available data on greyhound breeding in Queensland:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2021-2022</th> <th>2022-2023</th> <th>Difference</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Whelped</td> <td>1,437</td> <td>1,018</td> <td>-29.16%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The data reveals the short-term trend showing that overbreeding is not occurring. There are rules preventing greyhound overbreeding activities and reference is made to rule 23 under the Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) by Greyhounds Australasia Limited¹:</p> <p><u>23 Notification in relation to greyhounds to be used for breeding purposes or to cease being used for breeding purposes</u></p> <p>At any time after the result of service pursuant to rule 71, the owner must notify the Controlling Body where the greyhound is domiciled, in writing and within 10 days, if that greyhound has been retired from racing with an intention to be used for breeding purposes, and:</p> <p>(a) any retirement for breeding purposes will become invalid if registration as a sire or breeding female does not occur within 12 months; and</p> <p>(b) must notify the Controlling Body within 10 days of when the greyhound is no longer to be used for breeding purposes.</p> <p>Also <u>Part 6: Breeding and identity</u> of the GAR, particularly rule 56 <u>Registration of sires and breeding females</u>, which states:</p> <p>(1) A male greyhound shall not be used for breeding purposes unless registered with the Controlling Body as a sire;</p> <p>(6) A female greyhound shall not be used for breeding purposes unless registered with a Controlling Body as a breeding female.</p>		2021-2022	2022-2023	Difference	Whelped	1,437	1,018	-29.16%
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<p>Maintaining a facility of this magnitude would make it challenging to provide each dog with the necessary care, socialisation, and individual attention. Dogs require proper socialisation, mental stimulation, and exercise for their wellbeing, and these needs can be compromised in a large-scale breeding environment.</p> <p>Intensive breeding practices can contribute to the propagation of hereditary diseases and genetic disorders. Such issues can be exacerbated when breeding is prioritised for racing performance rather than overall health and welfare. The health and genetic well-being of the dogs must be a primary concern.</p>	<p>Re: Ability to care for 125 dogs “...a facility of this magnitude...”</p> <p>Under the GAR, there are rules for the appropriate care of greyhounds and reference is made to rule 21 of the GAR which states:</p> <p><i>21 Proper care for and welfare of greyhounds</i></p> <p>(1) A person must ensure that any greyhound in the person's care or custody, is at all times provided with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) proper and sufficient food, drink and protective apparel; (b) proper exercise; (c) kennels constructed and of a standard approved by a Controlling Body which are adequate in size and which are kept in a clean and sanitary condition; (d) veterinary attention when necessary; and (e) appropriate treatment for the greyhound if the person is in charge of a sick or injured greyhound. <p>(2) A person must exercise the care and supervision necessary to prevent a greyhound under the person's care or custody from being subjected to unnecessary pain or suffering, or from anything which is likely to lead to unnecessary pain or suffering.</p> <p>(3) A person shall not cause or permit, on any premises owned or occupied by that person, any condition that is likely to be dangerous to the health, welfare or safety of that greyhound.</p> <p>Re: “...propagation of hereditary disorders and genetic disorders...”</p> <p>QRIC notes that most pedigree dogs have some breed specific ‘disease or condition’ that occurs at a higher prevalence. For greyhounds, this is Pannus², which is an eye condition.</p>

² See Greyhound Eye Disease – Pannus description [\[LINK\]](#)



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2. Animal welfare issues associated with greyhound racing	
<p>Greyhound racing has long been associated with numerous animal welfare issues, which have raised serious concerns among animal welfare organisations and the public. Some of the key points include:</p> <p>The fast-paced and competitive nature of greyhound racing places these dogs at a significantly higher risk of injuries and even fatalities. The racing track environment, combined with the pursuit of speed and performance, exposes greyhounds to potential collisions, falls, and musculoskeletal injuries.</p>	<p>Re: "...fast-paced..." which may cause injury</p> <p>QRIC notes that a greyhound can reach a full speed of 70km/h and that most racing injuries are caused by interference between greyhounds in a race (i.e. collisions). Collisions are managed through track design, preferential box draws, double lures, vetting greyhounds, trialling and many other things.</p> <p>All serious injuries and fatalities are thoroughly investigated by the Greyhound Racing Injury Working Group, which is a committee that includes welfare officers from the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) and Racing Queensland (RQ). The details of all injury are reported, analysed and corrective action and/or best endeavours are applied to prevent and/or reduce future injuries.</p> <p>Also, RQ's Race Meeting Injury Scheme (RMIS) provides up to \$5,500 assistance to ensure all greyhounds are provided with the appropriate treatment where possible.</p> <p>RQ will soon be undertaking consultation on a proposed new local rule to reduce unnecessary euthanasia.</p> <p>These measures are to ensure all greyhounds injured in racing events receive suitable veterinary specialist care as needed.</p>



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<p>The conditions in which racing greyhounds are often kept can be substandard, with some dogs spending a significant portion of their lives in kennels or crates. This restricted living environment can lead to physical and psychological distress, depriving the dogs of essential enrichment and companionship.</p> <p>The training methods employed in the greyhound racing industry have come under scrutiny for their potential to involve harsh practices such as live baiting and doping. These methods not only compromise the welfare of the dogs but also contribute to public perception issues surrounding the industry.</p>	<p>Re: Substandard conditions</p> <p>Under RQ's Queensland Local Rules of Racing – Greyhound, Schedule 1 prescribes the minimum standards of care that greyhound owners and trainers must comply with.</p> <p>In addition to this, QRIC undertakes regular kennel inspections to ensure standards are being met. If non-compliance is identified, action is taken accordingly. This is akin to the role the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) performs for all animals, whereas QRIC's jurisdiction is specifically targeted to racing greyhounds, and racing standardbred and thoroughbred horses.</p> <p>It should be noted that QRIC and RQ are preparing new Racing Minimum Standards of Care, that will outline contemporary standards of care.</p> <p>In relation to concerns about live baiting, it should be noted that this practice is expressly banned under the GAR (refer Division 2: Animal welfare offences relating to luring and baiting).</p> <p>Doping prevention is a key integrity focus for QRIC. Greyhounds are swabbed (hair, blood, urine) out of competition, pre-race and post-race. QRIC operates the Racing Science Centre which conducts analytical tests on samples to detect prohibited substances. The GAR contains rules regarding the collection, storage and analysis of prohibited or banned substances and offences (See Part 8: Prohibited substances and prohibited methods).</p> <p>Of over 21,000 swabs collected in the 2022-23 financial year, 75 returned a 'positive' for prohibited or banned substances.</p>
<p>The racing industry often fails to provide adequate retirement plans for greyhounds once they are no longer deemed competitive. Many retired greyhounds face uncertain futures, with many being abandoned, euthanised, or ending up in overcrowded shelters. Ensuring appropriate retirement plans and rehoming efforts for retired racing greyhounds is paramount.</p>	<p>Re: Retirement</p> <p>The Queensland Government funds the Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP), which is administered by QRIC. The GAP recently revamped the processes to improve throughput and it is aimed to support 100% of greyhounds retiring.</p> <p>It is noted that RQ will soon commence consultation on a new rehoming rule as well as the need for a retirement plan for all puppies whelped.</p>



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3. The proposal does not align with community values																			
<p>Commercial greyhound racing, once a thriving industry, is now waning and remains active in only seven countries: Australia, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, the UK, the US, and Vietnam. Its decline is evident in most of these nations.</p>	<p>Re: Decline in greyhound racing</p> <p>It is generally accepted that greyhound racing in Australia is growing. The reported greyhound race meetings and starters for each financial year are as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Financial Year</th> <th>2018/2019³</th> <th>2019/2020⁴</th> <th>2020/2021⁵</th> <th>2021/2022⁶</th> <th>2022/2023⁷</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Meetings</td> <td>559</td> <td>575</td> <td>638</td> <td>615</td> <td>661</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Starters</td> <td>42,072</td> <td>43,531</td> <td>49,960</td> <td>50,860</td> <td>55,877</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The greyhound racing industry has been undergoing reform with a focus on the better utilisation of animals (i.e. providing races for slower greyhounds). In Queensland, the current utilisation is 84%, which is up from 50% in 2016.</p> <p>Note: Other submissions also mentioned that greyhound racing is waning.</p>	Financial Year	2018/2019 ³	2019/2020 ⁴	2020/2021 ⁵	2021/2022 ⁶	2022/2023 ⁷	Meetings	559	575	638	615	661	Starters	42,072	43,531	49,960	50,860	55,877
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<p>In Australia, the industry leans heavily on government subsidies, largely sourced from gambling revenue. Without these substantial financial infusions, it's conceivable that the industry would be diminishing in Australia as well. A case in point is the Queensland government's recent decision to channel 80% of the revenue from the Point of Consumption Tax back into the industry, underscoring the extensive government backing it enjoys.</p> <p>In 2022, the Queensland government approved a \$40 million publicly funded greyhound track in Purga. This decision was made without Ipswich City Council's approval and despite significant public resistance. During the consultation phase, over 10,000 objections were registered against the development, including approximately 3,000 from Ipswich residents alone.</p>	<p>Re: Subsidies</p> <p>The Queensland Government put in place last year the 20% Point of Consumption Tax, paid by wagering service providers (WSP's).</p> <p>About 80% of the tax collected is provided to Racing Queensland to cover wages, prizemoney, infrastructure and assistance to clubs and participants and provide welfare schemes.</p> <p>In addition, approximately \$20 million is provided to QRIC for race day costs. QRIC also receives approximately \$11 million from consolidated revenue to cover its residual operation costs.</p>																		

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