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Ban by stealth: Government sets up the greyhound racing industry for failure

Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party MLC Robert Borsak today hit back at the New South Wales Government's botched response to the Greyhound Racing Industry Reform Panel's report.

"Just like we have been saying all along: Gladys Berejiklian and John Barilaro just want this issue to go away so that the industry can be set up for failure.

"This Government package does nothing for the long-term financial viability of the greyhound racing industry and mark my words – this will lead to the demise of greyhound racing in New South Wales, which is what Mike Baird and Troy Grant wanted all along.

"The Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party will be amending any legislative measures that come before Parliament to make sure that greyhound racing has a future in new South Wales.

"It's clear that the Coalition Government and the Labor Opposition don't have the guts to take on the powerful horse racing industry and change the inter-code agreement.

"It's a complete Furphy that the Government has no power to change the inter-code agreement. The New South Wales Government meddles in private commercial arrangements all the time.

"Instead we will introduce adjustments to tax harmonisation payments to benefit greyhound racing. This is a sustainable, market-based solution that will not harm the horse racing codes and will keep greyhound racing financially viable."

Mr Borsak chaired a comprehensive Parliamentary inquiry into the greyhound racing industry in 2013 that covered the issues that the New South Wales Government is currently debating. To date, few of those recommendations have been adopted.

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