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Member for Buderim



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Minister for National Parks,
Recreation, Sport and Racing

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Mr Rob Molhoek MP
Assistant Minister for Child Safety
Member for Southport
PO Box 903
SOUTHPORT QLD 4215

Dear Mr Molhoek

Thank you for your letter of 1 February 2013 making representation on behalf of your constituents concerning the future of the Gold Coast Harness Racing Club and the Gold Coast Greyhound Racing Club.

I would welcome the opportunity to brief you on the future of harness and greyhound racing on the Gold Coast. Please contact Mr Rhys Turner, Chief of Staff in my office on telephone 07 3224 7477 to arrange a briefing.

Yours sincerely

Steve Dickson MP
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing

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Welcome opportunity to bring you
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Rob Molhoek MP

Assistant Minister for Child Safety
Member for Southport

01 February 2013

The Hon. Steve Dickson MP

Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and racing
PO BOX 15187
City East QLD 4002

Dear Minister Dickson,

I write to you regarding the future of the Greyhound and Harness racing clubs that have lost their facilities due to the closure of Parklands Gold Coast.

By way of background the Greyhound club lost its facilities when the new Gold Coast University Hospital and the new GOLD Coast Private Hospital started construction. The harness racing club will lose its facilities for the construction of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Athletes Village.

I have in the last few months had numerous questions from constituents and club members as to the future of these clubs.

I would appreciate an update as to what planning decisions have been made with regard to new facilities for the continued operations of these two clubs.

Warmest Regards,

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Our Ref: CTS 02470/13

1 MAR 2013

Mr Dave Irwin
President
Gold Coast Greyhound Racing Club
108 Bromley St
CORNUBIA QLD 4130

Dear Mr Irwin

Thank you for your letter of 4 February 2013 concerning the Gold Coast Greyhound Racing Club. The Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The Queensland Government has passed legislation through Parliament that will see significant changes to the governance structure of the racing industry in Queensland. This will include the removal of Racing Queensland Limited as the control body for the three codes of racing to be replaced with the Queensland All Codes Racing Industry Board, and the establishment of separate control boards for each of the three codes of racing, namely the Queensland Thoroughbred Racing Board, the Queensland Harness Racing Board and the Queensland Greyhound Racing Board.

The Queensland Government is committed to providing \$110 million for priority racing infrastructure needs across the three codes of racing throughout the State. These priority racing infrastructure needs for each of the codes will be identified by the control boards, in consultation with industry stakeholders.

The establishment of a control board for each individual code of racing will give industry stakeholders a clear voice in the future of their respective code, and I would encourage you to make representations to the Queensland Greyhound Racing Board, once it is established, to put your views forward.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Mike Kelly, Executive Director, Office of Racing on telephone (07) 3234 1376 or via email mike.kelly@racing.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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4th February 2013

Mr. Steven Dickson
Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
Parliament House
Brisbane

Dear Minister

On 16.7.2008, Andrew Fraser, then Treasurer of Queensland, announced compensation of \$10 million to build a new facility. Correspondence from the then Greyhound Queensland solicitor Cockburn Legal & Consulting advised "the legal status of the GCGRC may remain intact notwithstanding its activities are suspended pending the development of the new facility". The board would pay the club \$2000.00 per month for administration.

Fast forward to 30th August 2012, our Club received a letter from Racing Queensland signed by Mr Kevin Dixon confirming "the RQL Board has agreed to reinstate the \$2000 administration assistance fee effective retrospective to the time it was removed. Official notification will follow within a few days".

27.9.2012 a letter of thanks from our club to Racing Queensland.

29.10.2012 Our Club contacted Ms Sharon Drew, financial officer RQ.

24.11.2012 Ms Sharon Drew advised an agreement is being drawn up by Mr Adam Carter

21.01.2013 A letter to Mr Kevin Dixon for an update.

PLUS- While our industry waits and waits nothing appears to be done with the \$10m promised 4 ½ years ago together with the \$15m allocated from the original \$80m announced for the racing industry. Can you make some firm announcement when a new greyhound board is appointed that this \$25m will be given immediately towards new industry infrastructure.

We have watched turnover on greyhound racing decrease from approximately 17.9% in 2008 to somewhere in the vicinity of 8%. Minister in another 2 years we doubt you will have a greyhound industry.

The most frustrating to deal with is the fact nothing seems to get done by RQ. Please refer to the above.

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Minister it is now time to end the blame game for the position we are in and start rebuilding. Any further delays will see the industry loose patience. This is vital to all industry participants, not just the Gold Coast Club.

As a Club we don't want to go back to the Courts, however how do we handle the apparent inaction of Racing Queensland?

Kind Regards

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Dave Irwin
Gold Coast Greyhound Racing Club

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14 March, 2013

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Dear Mr Kelly,

RE: QUARTERLY REPORT – CRONULLA PARK, LOGAN

As per the Funding Agreement between the State of Queensland (acting through the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation) and Racing Queensland Limited (RQL), RQL is required, under Clause 5.1, to submit quarterly reports to the State.

As part of this agreement the State of Queensland will provide a total funding grant of \$23,503,915 being made up of two instalments being \$1,379,222 in the 2011/2012 financial year, and \$22,124,693 in the 2012/2013 financial year. In relation to these instalments RQL can confirm, as per the quarterly report below that the funds were expended or invested as per the scheme's objectives.

We advise that, \$111,897.46 has been drawn down and expended on Cronulla Park with a balance of funds as at 7 March 2013 of \$1,324,466.50 to be expended on the remainder of the project.

Received	Reconciliation of Cronulla Park, Logan		
7/03/2013	Amount Received Net of GST (Instalment 1)	\$1,379,222.00	
7/03/2013	Interest Received (in total)	\$57,141.96	
		\$1,436,363.96	{a}
Less	Cronulla Park, Logan		
7/03/2013	Expenditure to Date Net of GST	\$111,897.46	{b}
	Balance reinvested as at 07/03/13	\$1,324,466.50	{a} - {b}

Project Status Report Details as at 7 March 2013:

The scope of works for this project includes the following;

- Main Facility building of 2,400m²
- Kennel Block of 363m²
- Training Kennels of 170m²
- Maintenance Shed of 270m²
- 640m Outer Race Track
- 450m Inner Race Track
- 275m Trialling Track
- Track Lighting
- 163 Space Car Park
- 50 Space Trailer Park

Milestone deliverables performance reporting as at 7 March 2013	
Milestone Deliverables	Deliverable Status
Deliverable 1 – Tracks & Infrastructure	
• Civil consultant brief	Behind schedule
• Civil consultant pricing	Behind schedule
• Civil consultant selection	Behind schedule
• Civil detailed design	Behind schedule
• Civil tender	Behind schedule
• Contractor selection / site establishment	Behind schedule
• Construction	Behind schedule
• Track opening	Behind schedule
Deliverable 2 – Public & Members Facility	
• Consultant brief	Behind schedule
• Consultant pricing	Behind schedule
• Consultant selection	Behind schedule
• Detailed design	Behind schedule
• Civil tender	Behind schedule
• Contractor selection / site establishment	Behind schedule
• Construction	Behind schedule
• Facility Opening	Behind schedule
Project impacts of success or failure of milestone deliverables for this period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon the election of the new state government a review of all Industry Infrastructure Projects was undertaken and has resulted in delays to milestone deliverables for this period. • Correspondence issued to Office of Racing dated 18 July advising that the Logan development no longer formed part of Phase One of RQL's Infrastructure Plan 	
Project impacts of success or failure of milestone deliverables for the remaining period of the project <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	

If you have any further queries please contact Warren Williams, General Manager of Operations on 3869 9789 or wwilliams@racingqueensland.com.au

Yours sincerely

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MR ADAM CARTER
Acting Chief Executive Officer

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT & RACING

RESPONSE TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S QUERY/WORK REQUEST

REQUEST DATE: 19 March 2013

ISSUE: Greyhound Facility, Cronulla Park, Logan

QUESTIONS:

- What is the Government's current position on a new greyhound facility at Cronulla Park, Logan?

RESPONSE:

- The Government has made a commitment to make available \$110 million for racing industry infrastructure upgrades under the *Racing Industry Capital Development Scheme*.
- The Government requested Racing Queensland to review its *Industry Infrastructure Plan* and report back with priorities for funding from the *Racing Industry Capital Development Scheme*.
- Following that review, Racing Queensland announced a revised *Industry Infrastructure Strategy* which addresses major issues immediately, including vital upgrades to thoroughbred training facilities in the Beaudesert area, renovation of the Cairns Jockey Club track, returning the Toowoomba Turf Club to grass racing and commencement of the government's election commitment to upgrade the Gold Coast Turf Club.
- Under the Strategy, Racing Queensland is also reviewing the viability of the plan for the establishment of a greyhound facility at Cronulla Park.
- The Strategy also recognises the new governance arrangements for the racing industry which will soon be in place, and the key role which the new code-specific boards will have in developing five-year rolling infrastructure plans.
- It is anticipated that there will be no decision made on Cronulla Park, or any new greyhound racing facility, until the Queensland All Codes Racing Industry Board and the Queensland Greyhound Racing Board can review the work undertaken by Racing Queensland.

BACKGROUND:

- The previous Government supported the development of a greyhound racing facility at Cronulla Park that was included in the *Industry Infrastructure Plan* developed by the former board of Racing Queensland Limited.
- When elected, the current Government placed all spending under the *Industry Infrastructure Plan* on hold and requested Racing Queensland to review the *Industry Infrastructure Plan* and report back with priorities for funding from the *Racing Industry Capital Development Scheme* which funds infrastructure needs across the three codes.

Prepared by: Michael Duff Title: Principal Compliance Officer Bus Area: Office of Racing Telephone: 324 74740 Date Prepared: 20 March 2013	Endorsed by: Mike Kelly Title: Executive Director Bus Area: Office of Racing Telephone: 3234 1376 Date:	Recommended by: John Glaister Title: Director General, NPRSR Telephone: 07 3224 6126 Date Approved:
Date Received in MO:	MO Clearance by:	Date Cleared:

Duff, Michael

From: Wilesmith, Roger
Sent: Tuesday, 19 March 2013 3:21 PM
To: Duff, Michael
Subject: FW: DLO Dot Point Response: Constituent Enquiry re - Cronulla Park Greyhound Complex
Attachments: NPRSR RESPONSE TEMPLATE.doc

From: DLO NPRSR
Sent: Tuesday, 19 March 2013 3:19 PM
To: Wilesmith, Roger
Cc: Perrett, Carol; Kelly, Michael - Racing; DLO NPRSR
Subject: FW: DLO Dot Point Response: Constituent Enquiry re - Cronulla Park Greyhound Complex

Hi Roger,

Can you please organise some dot points on this one please. Due back Noon Friday 22/03/2013.

Thanks

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From: Lowe Trinity
Sent: Tuesday, 19 March 2013 3:16 PM
To: DLO NPRSR
Subject: DLO Dot Point Response: Constituent Enquiry re - Cronulla Park Greyhound Complex

Afternoon

Please provided some dot points informing the MP of the current governments position and some background on the Cronulla Park Greyhound Complex.

Your ODG approved response would be appreciated by COB Friday 22/03/2013.

Thanks & Cheers

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Trinity Lowe- Departmental Liaison Officer

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From: Logan Electorate Office [<mailto:LOGAN@parliament.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 18 March 2013 1:08 PM
To: Samantha Hawthorne
Subject: Constituent Enquiry

Good afternoon,

Could you please provide information on the Cronulla Park Greyhound Complex?

Thanks

Regards
 Emma

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