

## Removal of greyhound marking up from the requirements for naming applications

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The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (the Commission) has decided to remove the requirement to have a greyhound marked-up prior to submitting a naming application.

"The decision follows a review of the naming application process, which found Queensland was the only state that required greyhounds to be marked-up before they could be named," Commissioner Ross Barnett said.

"We anticipate that the removal of this requirement would provide a quicker and easier way for greyhound owners and trainers to name their dogs," Commissioner Barnett said.

The decision would have immediate effect for Queensland whelped naming applications.

"Greyhound participants are advised to cross out the distinguishing features section on page 2 of the application document," Commissioner Barnett said.

"Participants who have already had their greyhound marked up on a naming application are advised to submit the application as it is after ensuring all other information is completed.

"A further review of the decision to remove the mark-up requirement is set to happen within 12 months to ensure the change has been successfully implemented," he said.

The requirement for greyhounds to be ear-branded and microchipped at the litter stage would continue unchanged.

The requirement to have a greyhound cleared to race after a name has been issued would also remain the same.

This process is to be completed by the stewards prior to race meetings and would require bookings to be made with the stewards department.

## Request for feedback from participants

The QRIC would like to invite all participants to provide any feedback or concerns to Nicole Elliott via email <a href="mailto:licensing@qric.qld.gov.au">licensing@qric.qld.gov.au</a> or 0484 086 176.

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