

## Background

In 2016, following the Queensland Greyhound Racing Commission of Inquiry (also known as the MacSporran report), the Queensland Government overhauled racing integrity in Queensland, implementing the Racing Integrity Act and creating the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission.

The Commission, which has been in operation since 1 July 2016, is responsible for imposing an integrity regime and implementing an agenda that keeps racing animals safe, on and off the track.

It also ensures those who work in the industry can work in a safe environment and everyone can have confidence that racing in Queensland is carried out on a level playing field.

The Commission has demonstrated its commitment to tackling animal cruelty; race fixing; doping; and other illegal activities in the racing industry.

The Commission's achievements illustrate its value as Queensland's first independent racing integrity and animal welfare body.

Community members and those involved in the racing industry are invited to make comments about the issues associated with the new legislative regime to help the Government decide if changes are necessary and if so, how best to deliver a strong and practicable review mechanism to support the industry into the future.

A <u>discussion paper</u> on the future of racing regulation in Queensland is now available and the Commission encourages the community to read it and respond to the questions within it.