Racing Industry (Closure of Greyhound Racing Industry) Amendment Bill

Government Bill

As reported from the Primary Production Committee

Commentary

Recommendation

The Primary Production Committee has examined the Racing Industry (Closure of Greyhound Racing Industry) Amendment Bill and recommends that it be passed. We recommend all amendments unanimously, except for three, in clauses 17 and 19, and clause 34 of Schedule 1, which are recommended by majority.

About the bill as introduced

The bill would amend the Racing Industry Act 2020 to end commercial greyhound racing in New Zealand from 1 August 2026. This would be done by removing references to greyhound racing from the Act, so that greyhound racing is no longer a permitted form of racing for the purpose of betting.

The bill would establish roles, responsibilities, and processes for closing the industry. These functions aim to prioritise animal welfare and the wellbeing of affected people during the closure. The creation of the Greyhound Racing Transition Agency would be central to these functions, as it would oversee the closure.

The transition agency would be responsible for the winding up of Greyhound Racing New Zealand (GRNZ) and greyhound racing clubs. It would take on GRNZ's relevant functions and staff, facilitate the rehoming of greyhounds, and provide advice and support to industry participants as they exit the industry. TAB NZ would be required to provide an annual amount of funding approved by the Minister for Racing to enable the transition agency to perform its functions.

The closure would occur in 3 stages:

- Stage 1 would establish the Greyhound Racing Transition Agency and the regime for winding up greyhound racing clubs and GRNZ.

- Stage 2 would carry out the cessation of greyhound racing. GRNZ's appropriate functions would progressively transfer to the transition agency, and GRNZ would eventually be dissolved once it has no further functions to perform.
- Stage 3 would repeal provisions relating to the transition agency once it is disestablished, and any residual assets would be distributed to the other racing codes. The transition agency is expected to cease on 31 July 2029, unless extended by Order in Council to a date no later than 31 July 2031.

Proposed amendments

This commentary covers the main amendments we recommend to the bill as introduced. We do not discuss minor or technical amendments.

TAB NZ continuing to take bets on overseas greyhound races

To ensure that appropriate funding is allocated to the closure of the domestic greyhound racing industry, the majority of us recommend amending clauses 17 and 19 so that TAB NZ would maintain the ability to take bets on greyhound races held outside New Zealand.

As introduced, the bill would not allow TAB NZ to continue taking bets on overseas commercial greyhound races after the end of domestic racing. This is because the bill would remove the term "greyhound race" from the Act, and this term does not differentiate between domestic and offshore greyhound races. We do not believe this approach matches the Government's intention.

We understand the intent to be that the industry's closure would be funded by industry, not by the taxpayer or solely by the horse racing codes. The majority of us consider that continuing to allow betting on overseas greyhound races would help to achieve this.

Many submitters told us that banning domestic greyhound racing while continuing to receive revenue from overseas greyhound betting could be seen as inconsistent with the intent of the ban. They felt this would be unfair to industry participants. We acknowledge this concern. Ultimately, however, we accept that the bill is focused solely on the closure of the domestic greyhound racing industry, and is not intended to affect other activities that are currently permitted. Allowing betting on overseas greyhound races through TAB NZ would help to fund the industry's closure and avoid the need for subsidies from taxpayers or horse racing.

Mandatory review into TAB NZ bet-taking on overseas racing

Although we accept the need for TAB NZ's involvement in betting on overseas greyhound racing to help fund the transition, we sympathise with submitters who said that TAB NZ should not be able to take bets on greyhound races if it does not contribute to the cost of winding down the industry.

We recommend adding a provision in the bill for a mandatory review, to be conducted at the end of the overall closure process. This would provide an opportunity to assess:

- whether TAB NZ's involvement in overseas greyhound race betting should continue
- whether other amendments should be made to the Act
- any other matters that the Minister considers appropriate.

The review would also require the Minister to consult any persons or organisations they consider appropriate. A report would then be prepared at the conclusion of the review and presented to the House.

A mandatory review would help to address submitters' concerns that New Zealand should not be comfortable accepting revenue generated from the same activity overseas.

Offshore betting agencies

As introduced, the bill would mean that TAB NZ could not take bets from New Zealanders on overseas greyhound racing, but offshore operators would be able to take these bets. This would create a gap that offshore operators could exploit, undermining the New Zealand betting market and posing a risk to TAB NZ's viability. Moreover, offshore operators would not contribute to funding the closure of the industry, and allowing them to take these bets would be inconsistent with TAB NZ's legislated monopoly on racing and sports betting in New Zealand.

We therefore recommend inserting clause 23A to amend section 74AAA of the Act (*Prohibition on offering betting to persons in New Zealand*). This would prevent offshore betting operators from taking bets from New Zealanders on greyhound races.

Distribution of assets

As introduced, the bill would mean that once the transition agency has been disestablished, any residual assets held by the agency would be distributed to other racing codes.

Submitters considered it unfair that assets built up by greyhound racing participants would be taken by the transition agency and redistributed to the horse racing codes. We agree that any remaining assets should go to industry participants.

We recommend amending clause 32 of Schedule 1 so that any remaining assets at the end of the process must be distributed to participants registered with GRNZ immediately before the 1 August 2026 closure date. The transition agency would be tasked with identifying who industry participants are. We note that there may not be many residual assets remaining at the end of transition processes.

Providing notice to new owners of specified greyhounds

Clause 10 would insert new section 53D, setting out the functions of the transition agency. This includes a requirement for the transition agency to notify a new owner of a specified greyhound in writing when it determines that the greyhound has been successfully rehomed and has ceased to be a specified greyhound. (The term "specified greyhound" is currently defined in section 53A(4) of the Act to mean any greyhound

registered with GRNZ on or after 11 December 2024—the day after the Government announced its in-principle decision to close the industry.)

Submitters suggested that the notification to inform owners the greyhound is no longer a specified greyhound should also include a description of obligations under the Code of Welfare: Dogs (2018).[1] This would help owners to understand the expectations of appropriate care for pet dogs. We think this further information would be useful to new owners, as the greyhound's status will change from a racing greyhound to that of a pet.

We recommend amending proposed section 53D to specify that when the transition agency notifies a new owner of a specified greyhound, the notice must include information about the new owner's obligations to provide appropriate care under the applicable Code of Welfare for Dogs.

Definition of "specified greyhound"

Under clause 9, the bill would amend the definition of specified greyhound, so that it "does not include a greyhound that the Agency considers on reasonable grounds to have been successfully rehomed". We are confident that the bill allows flexibility for the transition agency to account for greyhounds that may be rehomed with industry participants, or returned after an initial rehoming placement.

Compliance and adjudication functions

The Racing Integrity Board (RIB) oversees the integrity of New Zealand's racing industry by managing compliance and adjudication functions, providing regulatory services, supporting animal welfare, recommending rule changes, and monitoring the overall effectiveness of racing integrity operations. These functions are set out in section 44 of the Racing Industry Act.

The RIB expressed concern that the bill would result in an abrupt loss of its jurisdiction in relation to greyhound-related integrity matters after the closure date of 1 August 2026. It said that this would limit its ability to conclude ongoing compliance matters that had not yet been resolved by the closure date, and would affect ongoing investigations. The RIB suggested that losing these powers could create perverse incentives for industry participants and weaken its powers in the lead-up to the closure date.

We acknowledge and agree with the concerns raised by the RIB regarding its ability to carry out compliance and enforcement functions through the transition period. Therefore, we recommend extending the RIB's existing compliance and adjudication functions under section 44 following the closure of the commercial greyhound racing industry, and to provide a right of appeal to the District Court in relation to any decision or penalty determined by the RIB during that period. This would be done by amending Schedule 1 of the bill to insert new clause 33 into Schedule 1 of the Act.

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[1] Code of Welfare: Dogs.

Performance reporting

New section 53I, to be inserted by clause 10, would require the transition agency to provide an annual report on the performance of its functions and operations.

Submitters suggested that the annual reporting by the agency should include information about welfare outcomes for greyhounds in the rehoming programme, information on euthanasia and deaths of greyhounds, a range of adoption metrics, and expenditure by the transition agency. We agree with submitters that additional performance information would be useful for scrutinising the performance of the transition agency and for providing added transparency to the public.

We recommend that proposed section 53I be amended to require the transition agency's annual report to include information relating to the welfare of specified greyhounds. It should also include information relating to the number of specified greyhounds that have been euthanised or died while awaiting rehoming.

Exporting of greyhounds

Some submitters suggested that owners and trainers would send their racing dogs to Australia for racing and breeding purposes. We acknowledge the view that this would help owners and trainers to recover the cost of their investment. However, some of us are concerned about the animal welfare implications for the greyhounds should any owners or trainers decide to do so.

We have not proposed any changes to rules around the export of racing greyhounds overseas, given that this bill focuses on winding down domestic commercial racing in New Zealand. We understand that the risk of widespread export of racing greyhounds is low. We have been advised that the bill as introduced provides flexibility for the transition agency to discourage exporting for racing, by attaching limits or conditions to the support provided to participants who do this.

Dogs can currently be exported to Australia by plane without an Animal Welfare Export Certificate (as the journey is seen as a low welfare risk), but we note that airlines may have restrictions. For example, Air New Zealand currently prohibits greyhounds used for racing or breeding purposes from travelling on their services.

As a committee we do support the rehoming of dogs overseas.

ACT New Zealand differing view

ACT believes that when the Crown uses its extraordinary power to extinguish a lawful industry and effectively take private property, it must do so cautiously, responsibly, and with clear regard for those affected.

A ban on a legal industry should be a last resort. Governments regulate industries precisely so problems can be identified and corrected. Only when a regulatory regime has clearly failed, and when compliance cannot be achieved through enforcement or reform, should Parliament consider prohibition.

In this case, ACT is not convinced that threshold has been met. The greyhound racing industry has, over time, adapted to regulatory requirements and implemented changes

in response to welfare concerns. The industry has clearly taken extreme efforts to protect the welfare of racing greyhounds, as was noted by submitters. When an industry operating within the law has taken steps to comply with the rules imposed on it, banning that industry should require a very high burden of proof that the regulatory framework cannot work and that non-compliance is unavoidable. ACT does not believe that standard has been clearly demonstrated, or that the greyhound racing industry has operated outside the bounds of what has been asked in regulatory terms.

ACT understands the intent behind the bill. However, we remain concerned that, in the form reported back by the committee, it is not appropriately structured to allow for a responsible and practical wind-down of greyhound racing without causing unnecessary harm to owners, trainers, workers, and the greyhounds themselves.

We are concerned about the level and quality of engagement the industry received throughout the development of the ban. We believe this is unfortunate and has resulted in legislation that appears rushed and unfair to participants.

A major practical concern ACT has is the ability to rehome the estimated 1,600 greyhounds affected by the ban. The SPCA, the Ministerial Advisory Committee, and industry representatives have all acknowledged that rehoming will take significant resources and time. We do not believe the legislation adequately recognises this fact. We believe the current bill will harm greyhounds.

ACT believes that that the committee should have strongly considered a longer transition period, allowing racing to continue for longer. This would better allow an orderly wind-down, ensure greyhounds are responsibly rehomed and enable the proper disposal of assets. This longer timeframe would reduce pressure on rehoming agencies and lower the risk of unintended animal welfare consequences.

ACT further believes the bill should include a clearly defined compensation mechanism for those whose lawful livelihoods are being extinguished by this bill. Approximately 1,000 full-time-equivalent roles are supported by the industry. Many participants have invested significant capital under a regulatory regime that explicitly permitted their operations. If the Government is ending that regime, it should also address the consequences fairly.

ACT is concerned that the TAB will continue accepting bets on overseas greyhound racing while domestic greyhound racing is banned, with the associated revenue redirected elsewhere.

The committee amended the bill to allow overseas greyhound betting to continue, to help fund the closure. However, there is no clear legislative ring-fencing of this revenue. Instead, there are general assurances. When the Crown makes promises about future funding, Parliament should insist those commitments are clearly embedded in law.

The $15.82 million in net assets identified in the Ministerial Advisory Committee (MAC) report as currently held by Greyhound Racing New Zealand (GRNZ) should first be allocated to industry participants. The costs associated with rehoming greyhounds should be funded by the Crown, given that the Crown made the decision to

close the industry. These costs could then be recovered through revenue derived from offshore betting on greyhound racing, which the committee has resolved may continue.

ACT believes revenue derived from overseas greyhound betting should be explicitly ring-fenced in legislation to fund rehoming programmes, assist with industry transition costs, and contribute to any compensation framework. The purpose of that revenue should be transparent and guaranteed.

If Parliament is insistent on progressing a ban, it should be humane and fair. For it to be fair there needs to more time and a clear compensation regime. ACT does not believe that legislation should fall short on these basic responsibilities.

Appendix

Committee process

The Racing Industry (Closure of Greyhound Racing Industry) Amendment Bill was referred to this committee on 11 November 2025. The House instructed us to report the bill back no later than 13 March 2026.

We called for submissions on the bill with a closing date of 9 January 2026. We received and considered submissions from 2,113 interested groups and individuals. We heard oral evidence from 76 submitters. We wish to acknowledge the efforts of all submitters and thank them for their engagement.

As part of our consideration of the bill, we examined its consistency with principles of legislative quality. We have no issues regarding the legislation's design to bring to the attention of the House.

Advice on the bill was provided by the Department of Internal Affairs. The Office of the Clerk provided advice on the bill's legislative quality. The Parliamentary Counsel Office assisted with legal drafting.

Committee membership

Mark Cameron (Chairperson until 12 March 2026)

Miles Anderson (Chairperson from 12 March 2026)

Steve Abel

Rachel Boyack

Mike Butterick

Hon Jo Luxton

Suze Redmayne

Cameron Luxton, Joseph Mooney, and Laura McClure participated in some of our consideration of this bill.

Related resources

The documents we received as advice and evidence are available on the Parliament website.

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Rt Hon Winston Peters

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

This Act is the Racing Industry (Closure of Greyhound Racing Industry) Amendment Act **2025**.

2 Commencement

(1) This Act comes into force on the day after Royal assent.

(2) However,—

(a) **Part 2** comes into force on **1 August 2026**:

(b) **Part 3** comes into force on a date or dates set by Order in Council.

(3) Any part of this Act that has not come into force by **1 August 2031** comes into force then.

(4) An Order in Council made under this section is secondary legislation (*see* Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019 for publication requirements).

3 Principal Act

This Act amends the Racing Industry Act 2020.

Part 1
Amendments that commence on day after Royal assent

4 Section 3 amended (Purposes)

After section 3(a), insert:

(aa) establish the Greyhound Racing Transition Agency to oversee the closure of the greyhound racing industry, including the dissolution of GRNZ and greyhound racing clubs; and

5 Section 4 amended (Outline)

After section 4(3)(h), insert:

(i) create an offence relating to the unlawful destruction of specified greyhounds; and

(j) establish the Greyhound Racing Transition Agency to oversee the closure of the greyhound racing industry, including the dissolution of GRNZ and greyhound racing clubs.

6 Section 5 amended (Interpretation)

(1) In section 5(1), replace the definition of **governing body** with:

governing body,—

(a) in relation to the Agency, means the governing body appointed under **section 53E**:

(b) in relation to TAB NZ, means the governing body appointed under section 55

(2) In section 5(1), insert in their appropriate alphabetical order:

Agency member means a member of the governing body of the Agency

Greyhound Racing Transition Agency or **Agency** means the Greyhound Racing Transition Agency established by **section 53B**

GRNZ has the meaning given in section 53A(4)

specified greyhound has the meaning given in section 53A(4)

transition plan means the plan developed and issued under **section 53F**

7 Section 24 amended (Transfer of assets on dissolution of club)

After section 24(3), insert:

(4) Nothing in this section applies to a greyhound racing club.

8 Section 34 amended (Racing code may determine that racing club is no longer racing)

After section 34(4), insert:

(5) Nothing in this section or sections 35 and 36 applies to a greyhound racing club.

9 Section 53A amended (Offence relating to unlawful destruction of specified greyhound)

In section 53A(4), definition of **specified greyhound**,— 5

(a) paragraph (b), replace "section" with "section; but"; and

(b) after paragraph (b), insert:

(c) does not include a greyhound that the Agency considers on reasonable grounds to have been successfully rehomed.

10 New subpart 6 of Part 2 inserted 10

After section 53A, insert:

Subpart 6—Closure of greyhound racing industry

Greyhound Racing Transition Agency

53B Greyhound Racing Transition Agency established

(1) This section establishes the Greyhound Racing Transition Agency. 15

(2) The Agency—

(a) is a body corporate; and

(b) is a legal entity separate from its members, office holders, employees, and the Crown.

(3) The Agency has, both within and outside New Zealand,— 20

(a) full capacity to carry on or undertake any business or activity, do any act, or enter into any transaction; and

(b) for the purposes of **paragraph (a)**, full rights, powers, and privileges.

(4) **Subsection (3)** applies subject to this Act, any other enactment, and the general law of New Zealand. 25

53C Objectives of Agency

The objectives of the Agency are—

(a) to facilitate the efficient closure of the greyhound racing industry in New Zealand; and

(b) to support the rehoming of specified greyhounds; and 30

(c) to provide advice and support to participants in the greyhound racing industry who are transitioning between racing codes or leaving the racing industry.

53D Functions, duties, and powers of Agency

(1) The functions of the Agency are—

Dissolution of GRNZ and greyhound racing clubs

(a) to ensure the development of a transition plan relating to GRNZ:

(b) to issue, maintain, and implement the transition plan relating to GRNZ:

(c) to carry out the relevant functions of GRNZ under this Act as provided for in the transition plan relating to GRNZ:

(d) to facilitate the closure of the greyhound racing industry, including the dissolution of GRNZ and greyhound racing clubs:

(e) to receive and manage the assets and property of GRNZ and greyhound racing clubs:

Rehoming of specified greyhounds

(f) to facilitate the rehoming of specified greyhounds and oversee their welfare until they are successfully rehomed:

(g) to retain, maintain, and develop (as necessary) any existing systems to trace the ownership of specified greyhounds until they are successfully rehomed:

(h) to keep a record of specified greyhounds that have been successfully rehomed:

Advice, support, and funding

(i) to provide advice to the Minister regarding the closure of the greyhound racing industry:

(j) to provide advice and support to participants in the greyhound racing industry who are transitioning between racing codes or leaving the racing industry:

(k) to receive and manage TAB NZ funding:

Other functions

(l) to facilitate the monitoring, investigation, and enforcement of non-compliance with subpart 5 and this subpart of this Part, or any other related legislation by appropriate agencies:

(m) to carry out any other functions that are necessary or desirable to assist the Agency in achieving its objectives.

(2) The Agency must notify the new owner of a specified greyhound in writing when it determines that the greyhound has been successfully rehomed and has ceased to be a specified greyhound for the purposes of this Act.

(2A) The notice given under **subsection (2)** must include information about the minimum standards that persons responsible for the welfare of dogs must achieve in order to meet their obligations under the Animal Welfare Act 1999,

as set out in any applicable code of welfare for dogs issued under section 75 of that Act.

(3) The Agency and any persons employed or appointed by the Agency to carry out its functions have and may exercise all the powers that may be reasonably necessary for the purposes of carrying out those functions.

53E Governing body of Agency

(1) The Agency consists of—

(a) a chairperson appointed by the Minister; and

(b) up to 3 members appointed by the Minister.

(2) An appointment must be made by written notice to the person concerned.

(3) The Minister must notify an appointment in the *Gazette* as soon as practicable after making the appointment.

(4) An agency member holds office until the close of 31 July 2029 and may be reappointed for any further period determined by the Minister.

(5) In appointing members, the Minister must have regard to the need for the governing body to have available to it, collectively, from its members knowledge of, and experience in, matters relating to the Agency's functions.

(6) An agency member continues in office despite the expiry of their term until the member is reappointed or the member's successor is appointed.

(7) **Schedule 1A** applies to the Agency and its governing body.

53F Transition plan for GRNZ

(1) As soon as practicable after the commencement of this section, the Agency must ensure that a transition plan is developed for GRNZ that provides for—

(a) the transfer of GRNZ's functions, assets, and employees to the Agency, including the tracing and rehoming of specified greyhounds; and

(b) the management of GRNZ's assets, liabilities, or agreements, including the discharge of GRNZ's obligations in respect of any contract or other liability; and

(c) the use of GRNZ's powers under this Act; and

(d) the discharge of GRNZ's obligations relating to its employees; and

(e) the provision of advice and support to former participants of the greyhound racing industry who are transitioning between racing codes or leaving the racing industry; and

(f) the management of GRNZ's arrangements with overseas racing codes and other agencies (as appropriate); and

(g) the discharge of any other functions of GRNZ; and

(h) the dissolution of greyhound racing clubs declared to be no longer racing under **section 53O(2)**.

(2) The Agency must consult GRNZ and any other person that the Agency considers appropriate when developing the transition plan.

(3) GRNZ must—

(a) co-operate with the Agency for the purposes of developing the transition plan; and

(b) for that purpose, disclose information (including documents or files held by GRNZ) to the Agency upon request as soon as practicable.

53G Ministerial directions

(1) The Minister may—

(a) provide a letter of expectations to the Agency that sets out the Minister's expectations regarding the Agency's strategic direction and specific priorities relating to the closure of the greyhound racing industry; and

(b) give written directions to the Agency—

(i) to use its resources (whether physical, financial, or human) in a manner that will enable or ensure the orderly winding down of the greyhound racing industry:

(ii) to use its powers under this Act in a manner that will ensure the orderly winding down and closure of the greyhound racing industry in accordance with this Act:

(iii) to develop expertise and capability:

(iv) to manage risks to its financial position:

(v) to provide the Minister with any relevant information (or class of information) required by the Minister; and

(c) require the Agency to report to the Minister, at the intervals and in the manner required by the Minister, in relation to the performance of its functions under this Act.

(2) The Agency must comply with a direction.

(3) To avoid doubt, nothing in this section limits the Minister's other powers under this Act or any other legislation.

53H Funding of Agency

(1) TAB NZ must provide an amount of funding approved by the Minister to enable the Agency to perform its functions under this Act efficiently and effectively.

(2) The funding must be provided for—

(a) the period beginning on the commencement of this section and ending with the close of the 2025–26 racing year; and

(b) each subsequent racing year beginning on and after 1 August 2026.

(3) For the purposes of **subsection (1)**, the Agency must prepare a budget in accordance with its business plan for approval by the Minister.

(4) Before providing the budget to the Minister, the Agency must consult TAB NZ on its proposed budget.

53I Annual report

(1) The Agency must, as soon as practicable after the end of each racing year, provide the Minister with an annual report on the performance of its functions and its operations during that year.

(2) The annual report must include—

(a) the financial statements of the Agency and the audit report on those statements; and

(aa) a report on the welfare and rehoming outcomes for specified greyhounds, including (without limitation) information relating to—

(i) the number of specified greyhounds successfully rehomed (whether privately or through a rehoming agency) and the number awaiting rehoming:

(ii) the number of euthanasias or deaths of specified greyhounds while awaiting rehoming:

(iii) the agencies that have been responsible for rehoming; and

(b) a report on any directions given to the Agency by the Minister in accordance with **section 53G** and the action or actions taken by the Agency in response to those directions.

(3) The Minister must present a copy of the annual report and financial statements to the House of Representatives as soon as practicable after receiving the report and statements.

Provisions relating to GRNZ

53J GRNZ must comply with transition plan

GRNZ must comply with, and do all things necessary to give effect to, the transition plan and perform all its functions under this Act in a manner consistent with the plan.

53K Agency may determine that GRNZ has no further functions to perform

(1) The Agency may make a determination that GRNZ has no further functions to perform under this Act.

(2) Before making a determination under **subsection (1)**, the Agency must—

(a) give GRNZ written notice of its preliminary determination that GRNZ has no further functions to perform under this Act; and

(b) give GRNZ at least 20 working days in which to respond to the preliminary determination; and

(c) consider any submissions made by GRNZ in relation to the preliminary determination.

(3) After complying with **subsection (2)**, the Agency must—

(a) make a final determination about whether GRNZ has any further functions to perform under this Act; and

(b) give written notice to GRNZ of its final determination, including the reasons for that determination.

53L Dissolution of GRNZ or removal from register

(1) This section applies when the Agency makes a final determination under **section 53K(3)** that GRNZ has no further functions to perform under this Act.

(2) The Agency must—

(a) notify the Registrar that GRNZ is no longer carrying out its operations and there is no proper reason for GRNZ to continue to exist; and

(b) request that the Registrar exercise their power (as applicable) under—

(i) section 28 of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 to dissolve GRNZ; or

(ii) section 174 of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 to remove GRNZ from the register of incorporated societies.

(3) When the Registrar receives a notification under **subsection (2)**, the Registrar must make a declaration of dissolution in respect of GRNZ or remove GRNZ from the register of incorporated societies, as applicable.

53M Transfer of surplus assets to Agency

(1) This section applies when the Registrar dissolves GRNZ or removes it from the register of incorporated societies in accordance with **section 53L(3)**.

(2) The assets of GRNZ remaining after all creditors' claims have been satisfied vest in the Agency.

(3) The Agency must consider whether any action (for example, a payment) is warranted to recognise the community interests (if any) in any racing venue or venues that are vested in the Agency.

53N Other consequences of dissolution of GRNZ or removal from register

On the dissolution of GRNZ or its removal from the register of incorporated societies (as applicable),—

(a) all money payable to or by GRNZ becomes payable to or by the Agency; and

(b) all rights, liabilities, contracts, entitlements, and engagements of GRNZ become the rights, liabilities, contracts, entitlements, and engagements of the Agency; and

(c) all information and records held by GRNZ before the date on which it is dissolved are held by the Agency; and

(d) anything done, or omitted to be done, or that is to be done, by or in relation to GRNZ is to be treated as having been done, or having been omitted to be done, or to be done, by or in relation to the Agency; and

(e) a matter or thing that could, but for this section, have been completed by GRNZ may be completed by the Agency.

Provisions relating to greyhound racing clubs

53O Greyhound racing clubs in existence on 1 August 2026 declared to be no longer racing

(1) This section applies to a greyhound racing club in existence on 1 August 2026.

(2) The greyhound racing club is declared to be no longer racing on 1 August 2026 because the form of racing undertaken by the club is no longer authorised by or under this Act on or after that date.

53P Dissolution of greyhound racing club or removal from register

(1) This section applies to a greyhound racing club declared to be no longer racing under **section 53O(2)**.

(2) As soon as practicable after 1 August 2026 and in accordance with the transition plan (as relevant), GRNZ must notify the greyhound racing club in writing that it intends to—

(a) notify the Registrar that the club is no longer carrying out its operations and there is no proper reason for the club to continue to exist; and

(b) request that the Registrar exercise their power (as applicable) under—

(i) section 28 of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 to dissolve the club; or

(ii) section 174 of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 to remove the club from the register of incorporated societies.

(3) The notice under **subsection (2)** must specify the date on which GRNZ intends to notify the Registrar and make a request referred to in that subsection.

(4) Before giving a notice under **subsection (2)**, GRNZ must consult the greyhound racing club on the closure process relating to the club, including (without limitation) in relation to—

(a) the proposed date on which GRNZ will notify the Registrar that the club is no longer carrying out its operations; and

(b) the treatment of the club's surplus assets under **section 53Q**.

(5) On the date specified in the notice given under **subsection (2)**, GRNZ must—

(a) notify the Registrar that the club is no longer carrying out its operations and there is no proper reason for the club to continue to exist; and

(b) request that the Registrar exercise their power to dissolve the club or remove the club from the register (as applicable).

(6) When the Registrar receives a notification under **subsection (5)**, the Registrar must make a declaration of dissolution in respect of the greyhound racing club or remove the club from the register of incorporated societies, as applicable.

(7) However,—

(a) nothing prevents GRNZ from issuing a notice to a greyhound racing club under **subsection (2)** or consulting the club (including, at the club's request) under **subsection (4)** before 1 August 2026; but

(b) if a notice is issued to the club or any consultation begins with the club before 1 August 2026, the date specified in the notice given under **subsection (2)** must not be before 1 August 2026.

53Q Transfer of surplus assets to GRNZ

(1) This section applies when the Registrar dissolves a greyhound racing club or removes a greyhound racing club from the register of incorporated societies in accordance with **section 53P(6)**.

(2) The assets of the greyhound racing club remaining after all creditors' claims have been satisfied vest in GRNZ.

(3) GRNZ must consider, in accordance with the transition plan (as relevant), whether any action (for example, a payment) is warranted to recognise the community interests of the club in any racing venue or venues that are vested in GRNZ.

53R Issue of betting licences to greyhound racing clubs

(1) TAB NZ must not issue a betting licence under section 68 to a greyhound racing club on or after 1 August 2026.

(2) On 1 August 2026, TAB NZ must revoke all betting licences previously issued to greyhound racing clubs in relation to any racing dates that fall due on or after that date.

11 Section 125 amended (Restriction on use of certain names)

After section 125(1)(i), insert:

(j) "Greyhound Racing Transition Agency".

12 Section 127 amended (Crown not liable for debts)

In section 127(1), after "Racing Integrity Board,", insert "the Greyhound Racing Transition Agency".

13 Schedule 1 amended

In Schedule 1,—

(a) insert the Part set out in the **Schedule 1** of this Act as the last Part; and

(b) make all necessary consequential amendments.

14 New Schedule 1A inserted

After Schedule 1, insert the **Schedule 1A** set out in **Schedule 2** of this Act.

Amendment to Ombudsmen Act 1975

15 Principal Act

Section 16 amends the Ombudsmen Act 1975.

16 Schedule 1 amended

In Schedule 1, Part 2, insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:

Greyhound Racing Transition Agency

Part 2
Amendments that commence on 1 August 2026

17 Section 3 amended (Purposes)

~~In section 3(a)(iii), replace “, harness, and greyhound” with “and harness”.~~

In section 3(a)(iii), replace “greyhound races,” with “overseas greyhound races,”.

18 Section 4 amended (Outline)

In section 4(3)(a) and (b), delete “3”.

19 Section 5 amended (Interpretation)

(1) In section 5(1), definition of **equalisator betting**, delete “or greyhounds”.

(2) In section 5(1), repeal the definition of **greyhound race**.

(3) In section 5(1), definition of **participant**,—

(a) paragraph (b)(i), replace “stablehand, or a person working at a greyhounds kennel” with “or stablehand”:

(b) paragraph (b)(ii), replace “standardbred horses, or greyhounds” with “or standardbred horses”:

(c) paragraph (b)(iii), replace “standardbred horse, or greyhound” with “or standardbred horse”:

(d) paragraph (b)(iv), replace “harness racing, or greyhound racing” with “or harness racing”.

~~(4) In section 5(1), definition of **race**, replace "harness race, or greyhound race" with "or harness race".~~

(4) In section 5(1), replace the definition of **race** with:

race means—

(a) a galloping race or harness race, whether held in or outside New Zealand:

(b) an overseas greyhound race

(5) In section 5(1), definition of **racing code** or **code**, repeal paragraph (c).

(6) In section 5(1), definition of **recognised industry organisation**, repeal paragraph (c).

~~(7) In section 5(1), definition of **totalisator racing betting**, paragraph (a), delete "or greyhounds".~~

(7) In section 5(1), definition of **totalisator racing betting**, replace paragraph (a) with:

(a) bets are made by means of a totalisator on—

(i) horses competing in 1 or more races, whether held in or outside New Zealand; or

(ii) greyhounds competing in 1 or more overseas greyhound races; and

(8) In section 5(1), insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:

overseas greyhound race means a race held outside New Zealand and that involves the competitive pursuit of a lure by 2 or more greyhounds

20 Section 13 amended (Membership of Racing New Zealand)

Repeal section 13(1)(c).

21 Section 15 amended (Functions of racing codes)

In section 15(1)(a)(iv), replace "horses, and greyhounds" with "and horses".

22 Section 37 amended (Racing rules)

(1) In section 37(5)(b), delete "and greyhounds".

(2) In section 37(5)(d), delete "greyhounds,".

23 Section 55 amended (Governing body of TAB NZ)

In section 55(1)(a)(i), replace "Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated, and New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association Incorporated" with "and Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated".

23A Section 74AAA amended (Prohibition on offering betting to persons in New Zealand)

After section 74AAA(2), insert:

(3) No offshore betting operator may take a bet from a person in New Zealand on an overseas greyhound race or a domestic greyhound race.

(4) In **subsection (3)**,—

bet and **offshore betting operator** have the meanings given in section 105

domestic greyhound race means a race held in New Zealand and that involves the competitive pursuit of a lure by 2 or more greyhounds, whether held for commercial or recreational purposes.

24 Section 71 amended (Amounts of distribution to codes)

(1) In section 71(1), replace "all" with "both" in each place.

(2) In section 71(2)(a), replace "3 codes" with "2 codes".

Consequential amendments to secondary legislation

24A Principal regulations

Section 24B amends the Racing Industry (Distribution from Betting Profits) Regulations 2021.

24B Regulation 5 amended (Distribution from betting profits)

In regulation 5(1)(b)(i), replace "3 racing codes" with "2 racing codes".

24C Principal regulations

Section 24D amends the Racing Industry (Offshore Betting—Consumption Charges) Regulations 2021.

24D Regulation 11 amended (Distribution of consumption charges)

In regulation 11(1)(c), replace "3 racing codes" with "2 racing codes".

Part 3
Amendments that commence by Order in Council

25 Section 3 amended (Purposes)

Repeal **section 3(aa)**.

26 Section 4 amended (Outline)

Repeal **section 4(3)(i) and (j)**.

27 Section 5 amended (Interpretation)

(1) In section 5(1), replace the definition of **governing body** with:

governing body, in relation to TAB NZ, means the governing body appointed under section 55

(2) In section 5(1), repeal the definitions of **Agency member**, **Greyhound Racing Transition Agency** or **Agency**, **GRNZ**, **specified greyhound**, and **transition plan**.

28 Section 24 amended (Transfer of assets on dissolution of club)

Repeal **section 24(4)**.

29 Section 34 amended (Racing code may determine that racing club is no longer racing)

Repeal **section 34(5)**.

30 Subparts 5 and 6 of Part 2 repealed

Repeal subparts 5 and **6** of Part 2.

31 Section 125 amended (Restriction on use of certain names)

(1) Repeal section 125(1)(i) and **(j)** and (9).

(2) In section 125(10), replace ""trotting", or "greyhound racing"" with "or "trotting"".

32 Section 127 amended (Crown not liable for debts)

In section 127(1), delete "the Greyhound Racing Transition Agency".

33 Schedule 1A repealed

Repeal **Schedule 1A**.

34 Consequential amendments

Amend the legislation specified in **Schedule 3** as set out in that schedule.

Schedule 1
New Part 3 inserted into Schedule 1

s 13

Part 3
Provisions relating to Racing Industry (Closure of Greyhound Racing Industry) Amendment Act 2025

30 Interpretation

In this Part,—

Agency means the Greyhound Racing Transition Agency established by **section 53B** (as inserted by **section 10** of the amendment Act)

amendment Act means the Racing Industry (Closure of Greyhound Racing Industry) Amendment Act **2025**.

~~**commencement** means the commencement of **Part 1** of the amendment Act.~~

31 Annual report of Agency for 2025–26 racing year

(1) This clause applies in relation to the annual report of the Agency under **section 53I** (as inserted by **section 10** of the amendment Act) for the period beginning on commencement and ending with the close of the 2025–26 racing year.

(2) The Agency may combine its annual report for the 2025–26 racing year with its annual report for the 2026–27 racing year.

(3) In this clause, **commencement** means the commencement of **Part 1** of the amendment Act.

32 Disestablishment of Agency

(1) The Agency is disestablished on close of 31 July 2029 or any later date specified by Order in Council made under **subclause (2)**.

(2) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council made on the recommendation of the Minister,—

(a) specify the date on which the Agency is disestablished; and

(b) provide for the distribution of any residual assets held by the Agency to ~~the other racing codes~~ former participants in the greyhound racing industry.

~~(3) The date specified under **subclause (2)(a)** must not be later than the close of 31 July 2031.~~

(3) An order under **subclause (2)**—

(a) must be made before 31 July 2029:

(b) may not specify a date that is later than the close of 31 July 2031.

(3A) Before making a recommendation under **subclause (2)(b)**, the Minister must consider advice from the Agency about—

(a) the former participants, or classes of former participants, who should be eligible for the distribution of any residual assets held by the Agency; and

(b) the shares in which the distribution should be made.

(4) An order made under this clause is secondary legislation (*see* Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019 for publication requirements).

(5) In this clause, **former participant**, in relation to the greyhound racing industry, means a participant (within the meaning of that term in section 5(1)) who was registered with GRNZ immediately before **1 August 2026**.

33 Continuation of Board's functions and powers in respect of former greyhound racing

(1) During the transitional period, the Board and any persons employed or appointed by the Board,—

(a) may continue to perform the Board's compliance and adjudication functions set out in section 44(1)(a) to (f) in respect of greyhound racing conducted by GRNZ before **1 August 2026**; and

(b) for that purpose, may continue to exercise all the powers conferred on the Board or the person under section 44(3).

(2) Despite anything in the amendment Act, GRNZ Rules of Racing continue in force until the end of the transitional period for the purposes of resolving any complaints or completing any investigations or adjudicative processes (including, appeals) in accordance with those rules that were commenced by the Board or any adjudicative committee or appeals tribunal before **1 August 2026** but not completed by that date.

(3) Any penalty imposed or costs awarded by an adjudicative committee or an appeals tribunal during the transitional period may be filed in the District Court and enforced as an order or judgment of that court.

(4) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council made on the recommendation of the Minister, make regulations specifying the end date of the transitional period.

(5) The Minister may not make a recommendation under **subclause (4)** unless the Minister has received a report from the Board that the Board and any adjudicative committee or appeals tribunal have no further functions to perform under this clause.

(6) An order made under this clause is secondary legislation (*see* Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019 for publication requirements).

(7) In this clause,—

Board means the Racing Integrity Board established under section 42

GRNZ Rules of Racing means rules made by GRNZ under section 37 and in force immediately before 1 August 2026

transitional period means the period that—

(a) starts on 1 August 2026; and

(b) ends with the commencement of **Part 3** of the amendment Act or any earlier date specified by Order in Council made under **subclause (4)**.

34 Review of amendments relating to betting conducted by TAB NZ on overseas greyhound races

(1) The Minister must, as soon as practicable after the commencement of **Part 3** of the amendment Act,—

(a) carry out a review of the operation of the amendments relating to betting conducted by TAB NZ on overseas greyhound races (the **relevant amendments**); and

(b) prepare a report on that review.

(2) The review must consider—

(a) the purposes of this Act and the impact of the relevant amendments on the objectives of TAB NZ and on former participants in the New Zealand greyhound racing industry; and

(b) whether any amendments to this Act are necessary or desirable; and

(c) any other matters that the Minister considers appropriate.

(3) The Minister must ensure that, during the review, the people and organisations that the Minister thinks appropriate are consulted.

(4) The Minister must present the report to the House of Representatives as soon as practicable after it has been completed.

Schedule 2
New Schedule 1A inserted into principal Act

s 14

Schedule 1A
Provisions relating to Greyhound Racing Transition Agency

s 53E(7)

1 Duties of Agency members

An Agency member, when exercising powers or performing duties as an Agency member, must act—

(a) in good faith; and

(b) with reasonable care, diligence, and skill; and

(c) with honesty and integrity.

2 Appointment of deputy chairperson

(1) The Minister may appoint an Agency member as the deputy chairperson.

(2) A person appointed as deputy chairperson holds that office until the person—

(a) dies, or resigns from that office; or

(b) is removed from that office by the Minister; or

(c) ceases to be a member.

3 Resignation and removal from office

(1) An Agency member may resign from office by giving written notice to the Minister.

(2) The Minister may, by giving written notice to the member, remove the member from office at any time, without compensation, for inability to perform the duties of office, bankruptcy, neglect of duty, or misconduct, proved to the satisfaction of the Minister.

(3) The Minister may only remove a person under **subclause (2)** after the Minister has given the person an opportunity to be heard.

4 Effect of vacancy in membership

The functions and powers of the Agency are not affected by any vacancy in the membership of Agency.

5 Remuneration

Agency members must be paid, out of the funds of the Agency, remuneration by way of fees, allowances, or expenses as determined by the Minister.

6 Liability of members

(1) An Agency member, or a person who is a member of any committee of the governing body, is not personally liable—

(a) for any liability of the Agency or the governing body; or

(b) for any act done or omitted to be done by the Agency or the governing body in good faith in the performance or intended performance of the functions or powers of the Agency or the governing body.

(2) An Agency member, and every member of any committee of the governing body, is indemnified by the Agency—

(a) for costs and damages for any civil liability arising from any action brought by a third party, provided that the member was acting in good faith and in the performance or intended performance of the functions or powers of the Agency; and

(b) for costs arising from any successfully defended criminal action.

7 Acts may not be called into question

No person may question any of the following in any proceedings on the grounds that the occasion for the appointment of the person had not arisen or had ceased:

(a) an appointment of a chairperson:

(b) an act done by an Agency member while acting as a member:

(c) an act done by the Agency while an Agency member is acting as a member.

8 Obligation to disclose interest

(1) An Agency member who (except as a member) has a direct or an indirect interest in any of the matters listed in **subclause (2)** must, as soon as practicable after the Agency member knows about the relevant facts, disclose the nature of the interest in accordance with **clause 10**.

(2) The matters are—

(a) the Agency's performance of its functions or exercise of its powers:

(b) an arrangement, agreement, or contract made or entered into, or proposed to be made or entered into, by the Agency.

9 Meaning of interested

An Agency member is **interested** in a transaction to which the governing body is a party if the member—

(a) is a party to, or will or may derive a material financial benefit from, the transaction; or

(b) has a material financial interest in another party to the transaction; or

(c) is a director, officer, or trustee of another party to, or a person who will or may derive a material financial benefit from, the transaction; or

(d) is the parent, child, spouse, civil union partner, or de facto partner of another party to, or a person who will or may derive a material financial benefit from, the transaction; or

(e) is otherwise directly or indirectly materially interested in the transaction.

10 Disclosure of interest

(1) An Agency member must, immediately after becoming aware of the fact that the member is interested in a transaction or proposed transaction with the Agency, cause to be entered in the interests register, and disclosed to the governing body,—

(a) the nature and monetary value of the Agency member's interest if the monetary value is able to be quantified; or

(b) the nature and extent of the Agency member's interest if the monetary value cannot be quantified.

(2) A general notice entered in the interests register or disclosed to the Agency to the effect that an Agency member is a shareholder, director, officer, member, or trustee of another named company or other person and is to be regarded as interested in any transaction that may, after the date of the entry or disclosure, be entered into with that company or person is a sufficient disclosure of interest in relation to that transaction.

11 Consequences of disclosure

An Agency member who discloses an interest under **clause 10**—

(a) must not vote or take part in any deliberation or decision of the governing body relating to the matter; and

(b) must be disregarded for the purpose of forming a quorum for that part of a meeting of the governing body during which a deliberation or decision relating to the matter occurs or is made.

12 Effect of non-compliance

If an Agency member fails to comply with the disclosure requirements in **clauses 8 to 11**, the validity of a transaction entered into by the Agency is not affected by that fact.

Confidentiality of information

13 Confidentiality of information

(1) An Agency member must not disclose to any person, or make use of or act on, any information that is available to the Agency member only in that capacity.

(2) **Subclause (1)** does not apply if an Agency member—

(a) is required or authorised by this Act or any other Act to disclose, use, or act on the information; or

(b) discloses, uses, or acts on the information for the purposes of the Agency or the requirements of the law.

14 When member may rely on certain information and advice

(1) An Agency member, when exercising powers or performing duties as an Agency member, may rely on reports, statements, financial data, and other information prepared or supplied, and on professional or expert advice given, by any of the following:

(a) a person whom that member believes on reasonable grounds to be reliable and competent in relation to the matters concerned:

(b) any other Agency member or committee on which that member did not serve in relation to matters within that member's or committee's designated authority.

(2) **Subclause (1)** applies to an Agency member only if the Agency member—

(a) acts in good faith; and

(b) makes proper inquiry if the need for inquiry is indicated by the circumstances; and

(c) has no knowledge that the reliance is unwarranted.

Procedure and meetings

15 Procedure generally

Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Agency may regulate its own procedure.

16 Dates, times, and places of meetings

(1) The governing body or the chairperson must appoint the dates, times, and places for meetings of the governing body and give notice of those meetings to each Agency member who is not present when the appointment is made.

(2) The chairperson, or any 2 Agency members, may at any time call a special meeting of the governing body by giving at least 7 days' notice (or lesser notice if all Agency members agree) of the special meeting, and of the business to be transacted at the meeting, to each Agency member for the time being in New Zealand.

(3) Notice of a meeting—

(a) must be written, and state the date, time, and place of the meeting; and

(b) may be given by post or electronically; and

(c) must be sent to the Agency member's last known address in New Zealand.

(4) No business other than that stated in a notice of special meeting may be transacted at that meeting.

17 Methods of holding meetings

A meeting of the governing body may be held—

(a) by a number of the Agency members who constitute a quorum being assembled together at the place, date, and time appointed for the meeting; or

(b) by means of audio, or audio and visual, or electronic communication by which all Agency members participating and constituting a quorum may simultaneously communicate with each other throughout the meeting.

18 Quorum

(1) A quorum for a meeting of the governing body is a majority of the Agency members holding office at the time that the meeting is held.

(2) No business may be transacted at a meeting of the governing body if a quorum is not present.

19 Who presides at meetings

(1) The chairperson must preside at all meetings of the governing body at which the chairperson is present.

(2) If the chairperson is not present, or if there is no chairperson, the deputy chairperson (if one has been appointed), if present, must preside.

(3) The Agency members present must appoint one of their number to be the chairperson for the meeting if—

(a) the chairperson is not present or there is no chairperson; and

(b) no deputy chairperson has been appointed.

(4) A person appointed under **subclause (3)** has and may exercise all the powers, duties, and functions of the chairperson for the purposes of the meeting.

20 Voting at meetings

All resolutions of the governing body must be decided by a majority of the votes cast.

21 Resolutions

(1) A resolution in writing signed or assented to by letter or email by all Agency members is as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Agency duly called and constituted.

(2) The resolution may consist of several documents in like form, each signed or appearing to have been sent by 1 or more Agency members.

Method of contracting

22 Method of contracting

(1) A contract or other enforceable obligation may be entered into by the Agency as stated in **subclauses (2) to (5)**.

(2) An obligation that, if entered into by an individual, would be required to be by deed may be entered into on behalf of the Agency in writing, signed under the name of the Agency by—

(a) 2 or more Agency members; or

(b) 1 or more attorneys appointed by the Agency in accordance with **clause 23**.

(3) An obligation that, if entered into by an individual, is required to be in writing may be entered into on behalf of the Agency in writing by a person acting under the Agency's express or implied authority.

(4) An obligation that, if entered into by an individual, is not required to be in writing may be entered into on behalf of the Agency in writing or orally by a person acting under the Agency's express or implied authority.

(5) This clause applies to a contract or other obligation—

(a) whether or not that contract or obligation was entered into in New Zealand; and

(b) whether or not the law governing the contract or obligation is the law of New Zealand.

23 Attorneys

(1) The Agency may, by an instrument in writing executed in accordance with **clause 24(1)**, appoint a person as its attorney either generally or in relation to a specific matter.

(2) An act of the attorney in accordance with the instrument binds the Agency.

Delegations

24 Ability to delegate

Power to delegate

(1) The Agency may, by writing either generally or specifically, delegate any of the functions or powers of the Agency to a committee of the governing body or to any person.

(2) However, the Agency may not delegate any of the following powers:

(a) the power of delegation in **subclause (1)**:

(b) the power to grant a power of attorney.

Effect of delegation

(3) A person to whom any functions or powers are delegated under **subclause (1)** may carry out those functions or exercise those powers in the same manner and with the same effect as if they had been conferred on the person directly by this Act and not by delegation.

(4) **Subclause (1)** is subject to any direction given, or condition imposed, by the Agency.

(5) A person who appears to act under a delegation under **subclause (1)** is, in the absence of proof to the contrary, presumed to be acting in accordance with the terms of the delegation.

Other matters relating to delegation

(6) A delegation under **subclause (1)**—

(a) is revocable at will, but the revocation does not take effect until it is communicated to the delegate; and

(b) does not prevent the Agency from performing the functions or exercising the power.

Committees

25 Committees

(1) The governing body may, by writing, appoint a committee to—

(a) advise the governing body on any matters relating to the Agency's functions or powers that are referred to the committee by the governing body; or

(b) perform or exercise any of the Agency's functions or powers that are delegated to the committee under **clause 24(1)**.

(2) The governing body may, by resolution, alter, discharge, continue, or reconstitute a committee appointed under **subclause (1)**.

(3) Committee members may be Agency members or other persons.

(4) A committee may regulate its own procedure, subject to any direction from the governing body.

(5) **Clauses 7 to 22** apply to the committee.

Employees

26 Appointment of chief executive

(1) The governing body may appoint a chief executive.

(2) The chief executive must be appointed on the terms and conditions that are determined by the governing body.

27 Appointment of other employees

(1) The chief executive may appoint the employees, including employees on secondment from other organisations, that the chief executive thinks necessary for the efficient performance of the Agency's functions, and may negotiate the terms and conditions of employment of those employees. 5

(2) Subject to the terms and conditions of employment, the chief executive may at any time terminate or suspend the employment of any of the Agency's employees.

28 Superannuation or retiring allowances

For the purpose of providing a superannuation fund or retiring allowances for 10 its employees, the governing body may pay sums by way of a subsidy or a contribution into any retirement scheme (within the meaning of section 6(1) of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013).

Schedule 3
Consequential amendments to other legislation

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Flags, Emblems, and Names Protection Act 1981 (1981 No 47)

In Schedule 3, item relating to the Racing Industry Act 2020, replace "Harness Racing New Zealand, and New Zealand Greyhound Racing Association" with "and Harness Racing New Zealand". 5

Goods and Services Tax Act 1985 (1985 No 141)

In section 5(11CB), delete "or greyhound".

Income Tax Act 2007 (2007 No 97) 10

Repeal section CW 47(1)(d).

Kumeu District Agricultural and Horticultural Society Act 1991 (P) (1991 No 1)

In section 4(2)(a)(iii), delete "and greyhound racing".

Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (2002 No 6)

In Schedule 1, Part 1, clause 4(b), replace ", harness races, or greyhound races" with "or harness races". 15

In Schedule 1, Part 2, clause 2, replace ", harness races, or greyhound races" with "or harness races".

Ombudsmen Act 1975 (1975 No 9)

In Schedule 1, Part 2, repeal the item relating to the Greyhound Racing Transition Agency. 20

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