



9 September 2016

Mick Gentleman, ACT Minister for Racing and Gambling

cc:

Andrew Barr, ACT Chief Minister

Meegan Fitzharris, Minister for Transport Canberra and City Services

Yvette Berry, Minister for Housing, Community Services and Social Inclusion

Shayne Rattenbury, Minister for Justice and Consumer Affairs

Tammy ven Dange CEO RSPCA

Ron Peck, Chairman, Canberra Greyhound Racing Club

Dear Mick

Draw down of greyhound racing in the ACT

Thank you for your response to our letter of 13 August on this subject.

As specialists in dog re-homing, we will be directly involved in handling the likely impacts of the ACT greyhound industry closure. Thus we are keen to have a definitive statement of your Government's policy position and strategy on the issues shown below, should it be returned in the upcoming election.

We were interested to see that the ACT Government will be undertaking a review of its Memorandum of Understanding with the ACT greyhound racing industry - we assume that this is an MOU with Canberra Greyhound Racing Club.

Your letter states that the review "will conclude in the second quarter of 2017 at which time the Government will be clear on the future of the industry..." We find this statement particularly interesting in the light of your clear announcement that 'greyhound racing has no future in the ACT' (www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-07/greyhound-racing-has-no-future).

Could you please confirm that

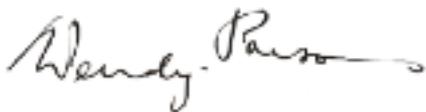
- the conclusion of the review in the second quarter of 2017 means the ACT Government will have no strategy in place by 30 June 2017 to address the likely impacts on the ACT of the closure of the NSW greyhound industry on 1 July
- you are not progressing the review during the Government's caretaker period

In the interests of transparent and inclusive government, we would welcome the following information:

- names (or proposed names) of the review panel members
- details of the consultation process you plan to use in framing the terms of reference for the review
- the consultation strategy you plan to use for the review and how we might provide the panel with insight into the likely rehoming requirements and their implications for the ACT Government

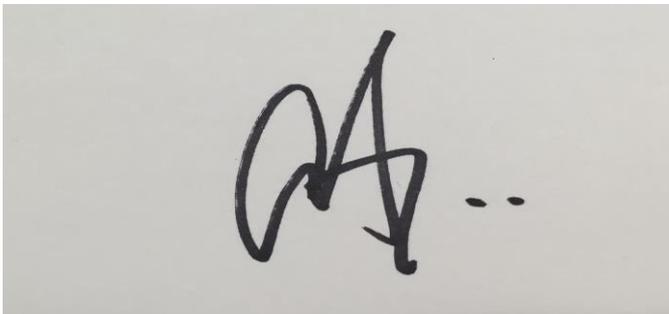
Your prompt reply would be appreciated.

With kind regards



Wendy Parsons, President, ACT Rescue & Foster Inc (ARF)

ACT Rescue and Foster (ARF) Inc. is an incorporated association of people in Canberra and the surrounding region who rescue dogs from euthanasia and foster them temporarily in their own homes for as long as it takes to find them loving, permanent homes. Founded in 2001, ARF has so far rescued and rehomed over 2,600 dogs. www.fosterdogs.org



Cindy Daley, Co-Founder, ACT Greyhound Support Network (AGSN)

AGSN is the primary support base for ex-racing greyhounds in the Canberra region. AGSN has over 500 members, raised over \$30,000 for rehoming charities and most importantly – working with registered charities, has helped home 300 greyhounds in the ACT.