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Sent: Thursday, 12 September 2019 11:00 AM
To: Local Government Division (DPaC) <lgd@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Amendments to Dog Control Act 2000

Good Morning,
Thank you for your email and the Draft Amendment Bill.

I am co-founder of GREAT (Greyhound Rehabilitation Enthusiasts Association Tasmania) which is a social greyhound specific group of over 380 members.

Before I met with Peter Gutwein and Rick Dunn whilst Peter was still minister in charge of the dog act, I asked our GREAT group members for their input.

I respectfully ask that you consider the following provisions:

1. The off leash areas provided to be for greyhounds only, not with all breeds together
My reason for this is because of the speed of the greyhound and also their thin skin and fine coat making them more prone to injury if another dog runs into them or nips at them in excitement. Also, other dogs seeing a grey run can get over excited and attempt to run them down.
2. Greyhounds, By nature of their training from birth until they leave the racing industry at around 3 years of age, generally have poor recall. In their racing training greyhounds are taught to run and ignore their surrounds so they often don't respond to the owner calling them. For this reason again, an approximate 200m long x 25 or 50m wide area with a double gated catching area would be preferred.
3. Only 2 greys to be exercised at a time. As they run flat out for a few minutes only, this would not be an issue for grey owners as the area would only be required by a user for around 10 minutes at a time.
4. Fencing to be clearly visible as a fast moving dog needs to see where the fencing ends. The land to preferably be flat and grassed not rocky and treed. I have looked at a suitable area in Howrah behind the walk next to the soccer training area. The fence is already on two sides so to add two more fences to the existing would keep the cost down. In Launceston there is plenty of area available at the Hardwick street off leash in West Launceston that would only require one fence to section off a portion off part of the existing off leash
5. Signage to clearly point out to all dog owners that the area is only for greyhounds.

I am more than happy to meet anytime with anyone to discuss.

Kind regards

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