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GREYHOUND REGULATOR OPENS IN BATHURST

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW, Small Business and Skills John Barilaro and Minister for Racing Paul Toole officially opened the headquarters of the greyhound industry's independent regulator today in Bathurst.

Mr Barilaro said the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission is a major boost for the Bathurst region and a significant step in securing greyhound racing's future.

"Greyhound racing is important for regional NSW and we are proud of our commitment to a competitive and sustainable industry," Mr Barilaro said.

"The Commission will create about 60 jobs, half of those in Bathurst and the rest across regional NSW."

Establishing the Commission was one of a number of recommendations of the Greyhound Industry Reform Panel.

Minister for Racing Paul Toole said the Commission will promote and protect the welfare of greyhounds, and safeguard integrity and public confidence in the industry.

"Bathurst's central location and proximity to a number of greyhound clubs makes it the ideal place for the headquarters of the new Commission," Mr Toole said.

"From July, the Commission will exercise a range of powers to supervise the industry and ensure those doing the wrong thing are held to account."

The NSW Government is investing \$41 million in the greyhound industry, including \$11 million to set up the Commission.

Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission Chief Commissioner Alan Brown said there has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes.

"The official opening is an important step for the Commission as we continue to implement the industry reforms accepted by the NSW Government and work to achieve competitive and sustainable greyhound racing that is recognised for its commitment to animal welfare," Mr Brown said.

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