

# Racing Integrity Act 2016

Explanatory notes for SL 2016 No. 95

made under the

*Racing Integrity Act 2016*

## General Outline

### Short Title

*Racing Integrity Act 2016*

### Authorising law

Section 2 of the *Racing Integrity Act 2016*.

### Policy Objectives and the reasons for them

The objective of the Proclamation is to commence the remaining sections of the *Racing Integrity Act 2016* (the Racing Integrity Act) to:

- transfer the animal welfare and integrity functions from the control body to the Commission, including the power to license animals and participants for a code of racing in Queensland;
- abolish the Racing Animal Welfare and Integrity Board, Thoroughbred Control Board, Harness Control Board, Greyhound Control Boards and the Racing Disciplinary Board;
- implement a new internal review and external review process for original decisions made by the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission and the control bodies;
- provide for the Racing Integrity Commissioner to appoint authorised officers with specific powers;
- provide for amendments to the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* (ACPA) to standardise the powers of inspectors and authorised officers under the ACPA and authorised officers under the Racing Integrity Act and provide for greater information sharing powers in relation to animal welfare offences; and
- provide for minor consequential amendments to be made to other legislation, including the *Bail Act 1980*, *Liquor Act 1992* and *Wagering Act 1998*.

## **Achievement of policy objectives**

The above policy objectives are achieved by the Proclamation commencing the remaining sections of the Racing Integrity Act on 1 July 2016.

## **Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law**

The Proclamation is consistent with the policy objectives of the authorising law.

## **Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation**

The Proclamation is not inconsistent with any policy objectives of any other legislation.

## **Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives**

There are no alternative means of achieving the purpose of the Proclamation.

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The costs of the implementation of the policy objectives for the Racing Integrity Act have been addressed in the Minister's second reading speech and during the debate of the Bill in Parliament.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Proclamation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles as defined in section 4 of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

## **Consultation**

The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing (NPSR) has met with the Racing Integrity Commissioner and Racing Queensland regarding the commencement of the remainder of the Racing Integrity Act on 1 July 2016. No issues were raised.

NPSR has also consulted with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and Queensland Treasury regarding the commencement of the remainder of the Racing Integrity Act on 1 July 2016. No issues were raised.

No other stakeholders were consulted regarding the Proclamation as the commencement of the sections are machinery in nature.

No changes to the Proclamation have been made following consultation. The commencement of the remaining sections of the Racing Integrity Act will not change the policy objectives or content of the legislation.