

INDUSTRY NOTICE

Date of Issue: 11 July 2022

Barking Muzzles

On 30 April 2022, the Director of Racing advised that a two (2) month moratorium on the application of Rule 30 (*Use of Barking Muzzles prohibited*) would be provided to participants in Tasmania. This also included Local Rule 30.1.

The moratorium period was established to provide the Controlling Body with the opportunity to consider whether barking muzzles should or should not be permitted for use within the state.

During the moratorium period several submissions were received and a set of draft guidelines is currently being finalised.

The Director has determined to extend the moratorium for a further three (3) month period to allow for the guidelines to be finalised and communicated and to allow time for participants to take any necessary actions.

For clarity, barking muzzles may continue to be possessed and used appropriately until midnight on 30 September 2022.

The moratorium does not exempt participants from their obligations under Rule 21 (Part 4, Division 1) of the Greyhound Australasia Rules relating to Proper care for and welfare of greyhounds, or any provision of the *Animal Welfare Act 1993*.

It is anticipated that the guidelines will be released for comment on 22 July 2022.

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For further information
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