



Response to the review of the *Racing Regulation Act 2004: Securing the Integrity of the Tasmanian Racing Industry, Dale G. Monteith (5 May 2022)* (the ‘Monteith Review’).

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Background

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is a strong supporter of the Tasmanian racing industry.

Tasmania's racing industry generates more than \$185 million a year in economic activity in Tasmania, particularly benefiting rural and regional areas. Almost 6,000 Tasmanians are either employed in the industry or are direct participants, and the Government's support for the industry gives it the confidence to continue growing.

Probity and integrity are critically important in the racing industry and underpin confidence in racing across all three codes in the state – thoroughbred, harness and greyhounds. It goes to the heart of sustainability of the industry.

The *Racing Regulation Act 2004* has not been substantially reviewed since its inception. That is why the Government announced a review of the Act and the broader racing integrity model in Tasmania, led by independent expert Mr. Dale Monteith, with the view to strengthening and enhancing integrity functions, as well as animal welfare.

The review was informed by a Terms of Reference and a Discussion Paper released in November 2021.

Mr. Monteith led an extensive review consultation. This involved meeting with 50 individual stakeholders and assessing 31 written submissions addressing the Discussion Paper.

On 8 June 2022, the independent review into Tasmania's *Racing Regulation Act 2004* was released. The Government indicated in principal support for the recommendations including:

- Creating a Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner with powers to set integrity and animal welfare standards and comprehensive audit, compliance, and investigatory functions;
- Enhancing integrity governance within Tasracing, with Tasracing to become operationally responsible for all three Codes of racing and pre-race day and race day management, including Stewards and animal daily animal welfare; and

- Providing a role for the RSPCA in animal welfare and retaining the power for independent investigation of animal welfare matters.
- And, to support the progression of this important work, the Government will provide \$200 000 towards implementation.

As was indicated upon release of the Monteith Review, the Government now provides a detailed response to each of the recommendations in the report.

Government Response to the Monteith Review Recommendations

The Government acknowledges Mr. Monteith and the many industry members and stakeholders who engaged with him through the extensive and comprehensive review process.

The Government has carefully considered and scrutinised the Monteith Review recommendations and has responded to each in Table I below.

The Government supports, or supports in principle, all of the Monteith Review recommendations. Where a recommendation is supported in principle, the Government, on initial analysis appreciates the premise of the recommendation. However, either clarification of how the recommendation will be implemented is provided or, in a few cases, further policy analysis or consideration is required to fully understand the nature and implications before settling on a definitive response.

In addition, the Government will further strengthen the integrity model proposed by Mr. Monteith through providing that:

- the Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commission office must include staff with experience in animal welfare policy and regulation.
- the Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commission (TasRIC) have referral powers to other entities beyond Tasmania Police and the Integrity Commission as determined through development of legislation to enable the TasRIC to operate within the national racing integrity system.
- TasRIC will provide an annual report to the Minister on the performance of their functions and the exercise of their powers.

Further information on these initiatives and other responses, is provided in Table I below.

The Government will now advance the reforms to the integrity model in Tasmania, and notes that there will be opportunities for further consultation upon release of draft legislation to implement these important integrity and animal welfare reforms.

Table I. Tasmanian Government response to the *Review of the Racing Regulation Act 2004: Securing the Integrity of the Tasmanian Racing Industry*, Dale G. Monteith (5 May 2022) (the “Monteith Review”).

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Recommendations Section 1. ORI and Director of Racing			
1 i)	The <i>Racing Regulation Act 2004</i> be amended to remove the roles of the Director and ORI, with all current functions and powers to be transferred to Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner (TasRIC) and the proposed newly created Tasracing Integrity Unit, as detailed below.	Support in principle	The current functions and powers in the <i>Racing Regulation Act 2004</i> proposed to be transferred to TasRIC will be fully analysed in developing draft legislation to implement the reforms.
1 ii)	That appropriate funding, from existing ORI and Director of Racing budgets, be provided by Government to meet the recommended integrity arrangements detailed in the report.	Support	To support progression of the Monteith Review, the Government will provide \$200,000 towards implementation.
Recommendations Section 2. Tasmania Racing Integrity Commissioner			
2 i)	TasRIC to replace the current Director role.	Support	The Government supports the creation of the Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner which will have an independent statutory role with significant integrity, investigatory, compliance and audit functions with oversight over all aspects of racing integrity (and specifically Tasracing integrity and animal welfare functions). TasRIC to have capacity to set Integrity and Animal Welfare Standards. TasRIC will report to the Minister for Racing.
2 ii)	TasRIC be authorised to act independently in relation to the performance of the roles and functions specified, subject to the 2004 Act (to be amended) and any other laws. The functions of the TasRIC would include:	Support	As noted, the current functions and powers in the <i>Racing Regulation Act 2004</i> proposed to be transferred to TasRIC will be fully analysed in developing draft legislation to implement the reforms.
2 ii) 1-20	I. Requiring an annual Integrity Plan including budgets, for each of the three codes, from Tasracing.	Support	It is noted that a power to require an Integrity Plan from the controlling authority (such as Tasracing) is similar to that provided to the Victorian Racing Integrity Board. The Victorian Racing Integrity Board under the Victorian <i>Racing Act 1958</i> : “endorses an annual integrity plan for each controlling body” (s.95H(1)(b)) and

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	1. <i>Continued.</i>		reviews and provides recommendations related to integrity resourcing and the integrity budgets of each controlling body (s. 95h(1)(c)). In Victoria, the controlling bodies are: Racing Victoria, Greyhound Racing Victoria, and Harness Racing Victoria.
2 ii)	2. Requiring an Animal Welfare plan and budgets, from Tasracing, for each of the three codes.	Support	It is noted that the ability for TasRIC to obtain integrity and animal welfare plans from Tasracing, including financial information, will be important for TasRIC to be able to oversight these functions and to undertake compliance reviews and audits.
2 ii)	3. Facilitating co-operation between Tasracing, NRE Tas (Biosecurity Tasmania) and RSPCA on the co-ordination and reporting on animal welfare initiatives.	Support	Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) through Biosecurity Tasmania has primary responsibility for the <i>Animal Welfare Act 1993</i> , with RSPCA Tasmania undertaking agreed animal welfare inspectorate activities under a Memorandum of Understanding with NRE Tas. Facilitation of cooperation by TasRIC between Tasracing, NRE Tas (Biosecurity Tasmania) and RSPCA Tasmania will support animal welfare in the racing industry.
2 ii)	4. Creation of Industry Integrity and Welfare Standards.	Support	See the response to recommendation 2 i)
2 ii)	5. Regular review and assessment of compliance including the integrity of participants and practices in the racing industry, on the Commissioner's own initiative or at the request of the Minister.	Support	See the response to recommendation 2 i)
2 ii)	6. Undertaking at the request of the Minister or Tasracing, or instigating at their own motion, integrity and animal welfare investigations.	Support	See the response to recommendation 2 i) Further, it is noted that the power for own motion investigations is fundamental to the revised integrity model. The Victorian Racing Integrity Commissioner is empowered to conduct own motion inquiries that do not relate to any specific complaint and may include an investigation into systemic issues in racing (<i>Racing Act 1958 (Vic) s37B(1)(g)</i>). The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission has the power to investigate complaints about matters relevant to a code of racing, on the Commission's own initiative or at the request of the Minister (<i>Racing Integrity Act 2016 (QLD)</i>),

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2 ii)	7. Advice to the Minister on the Rules of Racing and final approval of Tasracing Board recommended adoption of racing rules, both national and local.	Support in part	<p>The Government supports the TasRIC having a statutory power to provide advice to the Minister for Racing on Rules of Racing, both national and local.</p> <p>The Government, however, notes that approval of the Rules of Racing by TasRIC is not in accordance with the current powers and functions of the Director of Racing under the <i>Racing Regulation Act 2004</i> or with the integrity models in Victoria and Queensland.</p> <p>Currently, the <i>Racing Regulation Act 2004</i> provides that that the Director is responsible for providing advice and recommendations to Tasracing on the Rules of Racing, not approval of the Rules. Tasracing is responsible for making (by drawing up its own local rules and by adopting Australian Rules of Racing) the Rules of Racing, having regard to the recommendations of the Director (s. 11(k)).</p> <p>In Victoria, the Racing Integrity Board has a narrower focus relating to the Rules of Racing than that recommended in the Monteith Review. The Board reviews “proposals for new or amended rules of racing as they relate to integrity and make recommendations in relation to the rules as they relate to integrity.” In Queensland, the Control Body Racing Queensland prepares rules and provides to these to the Racing Queensland Board (all codes) and the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission for comment for a period of 28 days, and any changes to the draft rules need to be agreed between the parties.</p> <p>Given the importance in racing for clarity as to which entity is the Principal Racing Authority and the Controlling Authority, the Government has determined that TasRIC will consider proposals relating to the Rules of Racing and provide independent advice and recommendations to the Tasracing Board on adoption of racing rules, both national and local. For the absence of doubt, rules includes: any integrity or welfare relates policies implemented by Tasracing – such as hot weather equine policy or handicapping and grading schedules.</p> <p>See also Recommendations Section 3. Tasracing 3 ii)</p>

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2 ii)	8. Advice to the Minister on Tasracing's integrity and animal welfare policies and their implementation and compliance.	Support	The Government notes that this will be a critical function for TasRIC.
2 ii)	9. Audit of integrity and animal welfare processes and systems.	Support	See the response to recommendation 2 i)
2 ii)	10. Audit of Clubs' governance and finances.	Support	See the response to recommendation 2 i)
2 ii)	11. Considering complaints by industry stakeholders and participants and other persons and/or bodies with respect to Tasracing and its officers in the exercise of its powers and duties.	Support	See the response to recommendation 2 i)
2 ii)	12. Promotion of compliance, integrity and animal welfare through the provision of information and education for stewards and participants.	Support	It is noted that this is a similar function to that in other jurisdictions. For example, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission has a statutory role to "promote compliance and integrity, and to promote animal welfare and prevent animal cruelty, by educating, providing information for, and working with, participants" (<i>Racing Integrity Act 2016 (Qld) s 10(1)(L)</i>)
2 ii)	13. Creation of mandated Integrity Standards, with provision for the Minister to request development of Standards. These Standards would include, but not be limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Licensing of participants for the racing codes on the recommendation of the Tasracing Integrity Director/Unit b. Testing requirements and approval of budgets for both animals and humans, both in-competition and out of competition c. Oversight of Tasracing's animal welfare inspections, including stable/kennel inspections. 	Support	<p>The Government supports the TasRIC having legislative powers to create mandated Integrity Standards on their own motion or at the request of the Minister, and those standards will relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Licensing of participants for the racing codes; b. Testing requirements for both animals and humans c. Warning off notices d. Show cause notices e. Fit and proper person <p>Noting that this is not an exhaustive list.</p> <p>The Government supports the TasRIC having:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Oversight of Tasracing's animal welfare inspections, including stable/kennel inspections.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Oversight and approval of Tasracing’s administration, licensing and regulation of the operations of Tasmanian on-course bookmakers. e. Powers to hold Inquiries to ensure probity and integrity. f. Investigatory powers. g. Approval of warning off notices. h. Approval of show cause notices. i. The review of a person’s suitability to be licensed. This would be for new applicants and for a person(s) returning from a period of disqualification, with a fit and proper person test to apply. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Oversight and approval of Tasracing’s administration, licensing and regulation of the operations of Tasmanian on-course bookmakers. c. Power to hold inquires to ensure probity and integrity. d. Investigatory powers. e. Review of a person’s suitability to be licensed – for new applicants and for a person(s) returning from a period of disqualification, with a fit and proper person test applied. <p>Regarding the show cause notices, recommendation 3 ii) 8. below also addresses this issue, recommending that a Show Cause Committee be created by Tasracing to consider licence applications (both new and for re-licensing), with a fit and proper person test being established for all such applications. TasRIC to have oversight over show cause policies and procedures. The Government supports this proposed process.</p>
2 ii)	14. TasRIC’s jurisdiction not be limited to alleged breaches of the Rules of Racing and would include other general matters concerning possible breaches of integrity principles in the racing industry. Integrity related information may include a wide array of behaviours that may or may not be considered criminal or corrupt.	Support	See the response to recommendation 2 i) The Government further notes that the legislation implementing the reforms may need to consider which matters may be referred to Tasmania Police and/or the Integrity Commission.
2 ii)	15. TasRIC to have power to require both licensed and non-licensed persons to give evidence, under oath, with respect to Inquiries and/or investigations undertaken by TasRIC.	Support	See the response to recommendation 2 i)
	16. TasRIC be able to disclose integrity related information, as appropriate, to agencies, such as Tasmania Police and the Tasmanian Integrity Commission.	Support in principle	See the response 2 ii) 14. The Government further notes that, in addition, that the TasRIC may also require additional referral powers to other entities beyond Tasmania Police and the Integrity Commission to enable the TasRIC to operate within the national racing integrity system – with this need to be determined through development of legislation.

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2 ii)	17. TasRIC be supported by an organisational structure to manage the core functions as determined in the final model adopted by Government.	Support	See also the response to recommendation 6 v)
2 ii)	18. TasRIC to encompass the role of Ombudsman for the Tasmanian Racing Industry, with all the powers and responsibilities attached, comparable to the Ombudsman's roles within the Tasmanian Government.	Support in principle	See the response to recommendations 1 i) and 2 i) It is not intended that TasRIC replace the Tasmanian Ombudsman. The general functions and powers of the Tasmanian Ombudsman will be fully analysed to determine which may be appropriate for TasRIC in the development of draft legislation to implement the reforms.
2 ii)	19. TasRIC to approve steward, investigation and appeals process training for Tasracing Integrity Unit personnel.	Support	See also the response to recommendation 3 ii)
2 ii)	20. TasRIC office to support TRAB administrative functions.	Support	The Office of Racing Integrity provides administrative support functions to the Tasmania Racing Appeal Board, and the Government considers that it is appropriate that the TasRIC Office provides this service to the Board.
2 iii)	Consideration be given to combining the 2004 Act [<i>Racing Regulation Act 2004</i>] and the Tasracing Act [<i>Racing (Tasracing Pty Ltd) Act 2009</i>] to deal with all racing, integrity, probity and racing animal welfare matters and arrangements.	Support in principle	The Government will take the advice of the Office of Parliamentary Counsel on the nature of the legislative reform required to implement these recommendations.
2 iv)	Consideration be given to where the office of TasRIC should be situated. The Department of Justice is considered to be an option.	Support	The Government has determined that TasRIC will remain situated with NRE Tas.

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Recommendations Section 3. Tasracing			
3 i)	The 2004 Act be amended to empower Tasracing, under S. 11, subject to the powers and responsibilities of TasRIC, with responsibility for policing of integrity and animal welfare in Tasmanian racing.	Support in principle	An analysis of the functions and powers transferred to Tasracing under section 11 of the <i>Racing Regulation Act 2004</i> will be undertaken in development of legislation to implement the reforms.
3 ii)	<p>Tasracing to establish clear governance guidelines to ensure the independence of racing integrity and animal welfare functions. These shall include</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tasracing to establish an independent Integrity Committee, including two independent persons approved by the Racing Minister, one of whom shall Chair the Integrity Committee. Two Tasracing Directors, with appropriate skills, shall also be approved by the Minister, to serve on the Integrity Committee. 2. The Integrity Committee will make recommendations to the Tasracing Board for consideration and adoption, subject to the final approval of TasRIC. 3. TasRIC to have mandated oversight of Tasracing's Integrity and animal welfare functions including the right, at TasRIC's discretion, to direct Tasracing in all such matters. 4. Tasracing to establish an independent Integrity Unit. The following functions and officers to transfer from ORI: raceday stewards, non-raceday investigations officers and animal welfare functions, including veterinary officer. 	Support	<p>The Government supports the Monteith Review governance model for Tasracing to provide a separation of integrity functions from Tasracing's commercial and racing functions, aligned with strong oversight by the TasRIC.</p> <p>With respect to the TasRIC recommendation, and approval and direction power, the Government will adopt the Victorian model, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. TasRIC will have the power to review and provide recommendations related to integrity resourcing and the integrity budgets. b. TasRIC can require provision of an annual integrity and animal welfare plan. TasRIC to be able to request further information, may make recommendations in relation to the plan, may require changes to the plan, and may endorse the plan. c. TasRIC will have legislative power to provide directions to Taracing [and clubs] relating to complaints, or the review of an investigation of a complaint, and in relation to integrity and animal welfare matters. d. If Tasracing fails to comply with a recommendation in relation to any matter, the Integrity Board may issue a written direction requiring compliance with the recommendation. e. TasRIC may advise the Minister of any failure to prepare and submit an annual integrity plan and animal welfare plan or; to consider, respond to or implement a recommendation; or to comply with a direction. TasRIC must, before advising the Minister, notify Tasracing of the intention to so advise the Minister and Tasracing may respond in writing in respect of the notification. TasRIC must provide the Minister with any written response. <p>In addition, TasRIC will provide an annual report to the Minister on the performance of their functions and the exercise of their powers.</p>

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	<p>5. The role of Tasracing Integrity Director be created. This role to report directly to the Tasracing Integrity Committee.</p> <p>6. The Integrity Director to only report to the Tasracing CEO with respect to administrative functions.</p>		
3 ii)	7. Existing Tasracing animal welfare functions and animal re-homing be incorporated within Tasracing Integrity.	Support in part	<p>See the response to the recommendations in section 6 below.</p> <p>The Government considers that TasRIC should have oversight of these functions and programs. The operational model for the program will be determined in implementation of the new integrity and animal welfare model.</p>
3 ii)	8. Tasracing Integrity be responsible for recommending licensing for participants and including those seeking Bookmaker licences. Recommendations to be considered by the Integrity Committee, with final approval by TasRIC.	Support in part	<p>The Government supports the new Tasracing Integrity Unit having responsibility to make recommendations to the Tasracing Integrity Committee for licensing of participants, including those seeking Bookmaker licences. Noting that the current rights of appeal to TRAB relating to these matters would remain.</p> <p>The Government considers that the Tasracing Integrity Committee should be the approval entity with TasRIC having sufficient other powers and functions to ensure integrity in licensing, including through creation of Integrity Standards relating to licensing and fit and proper persons; audit and review of a person's suitability to be licensed; and the general ability to investigate complaints.</p>
3 ii)	9. A Show Cause Committee be created by Tasracing to consider licence applications (both new and for re-licensing), with a fit and proper person test being established for all such applications. TasRIC to have oversight over show cause policies and procedures.	Support	See the response to this issue in 2 ii) 13 above.

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3 ii)	10. The Tasracing Director of Integrity to formulate policies and procedures to establish clear guidelines for Tasracing's Integrity and animal welfare functions, for consideration by the Integrity Committee and the Tasracing Board, and for final approval by TasRIC.	Support	See also the response to 3 i) and 3 ii)
3 ii)	11. Tasracing to assume full responsibility for all non-integrity racing services previously provided by the Director of Racing/ORI for the three racing codes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Specifically Harness and Greyhound functions to transfer to Tasracing, including: race nominations, eligibility checks, gradings, field selections, handicapping, barrier and box draws and scratchings; produce and distribute racefields; and process all race and trial results. B. As for Thoroughbreds, Tasracing may choose to outsource such functions to other state or national code bodies performing these like functions. 	Support	The Government supports the simplification of the provision of non-integrity racing services into one entity, being Tasracing. This will provide greater clarity of functions which Mr Monteith notes is a significant concern to industry and stakeholders relating to the current integrity model under the <i>Racing Regulation Act 2004</i> .
3 ii)	12. Tasracing to employ/contract all raceday stewards/officials currently employed by ORI and/or the codes or the race clubs. This is to include raceday vets, barrier attendants and clerks of course to allow for a more efficient application of resources on racedays.	Support	The Government supports this recommendation, noting that TasRIC will have an oversight function in respect of the action of stewards from an integrity perspective and as such it would be impractical for the stewards to be embedded within TasRIC. Stewards will be embedded in the Tasracing Integrity Unit ensuring a separation from the commercial arm of Tasracing. TasRIC through the creation of Integrity and Animal Welfare Standards, and through the function of provision of information and education for stewards and audits, will ensure that the high standards of integrity will continue to be applied.

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	12. <i>Continued.</i>		<p>The Government will further bolster the model through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Ensuring that the CEO of Tasracing will not have a role in the recruitment of Stewards. g. Legislating the role of the Tasracing Integrity Director with their appointment to be made by the Tasracing Integrity Committee. h. Ensuring that the oversight of Stewards will be undertaken by the Tasracing Integrity Director. i. Dismissal of a Steward, if required, would be a matter for the Tasracing Integrity Committee.
Recommendations Section 4. Tasmanian Racing Appeals Board (TRAB)			
4 i)	TRAB remain as the primary body for industry participants to lodge appeals for specified decisions.	Support	The Government supports retention of the TRAB for appeals for specified decisions.
4 ii)	TRAB be provided with administrative support by the office of TasRIC.	Support	The Office of Racing Integrity provides administrative support functions to the TRAB, and the Government considers that it is appropriate that the TasRIC Office provides this service to the Board.
4 iii)	Consideration be given to expanding the number TRAB members to assist in overcoming time delays with appeals being heard and determined.	Supported in principle	The Government will analyse the time taken for appeals to be heard and determined, and will consult with the TRAB to determine if additional TRAB members are required or if other actions can assist with time delays for appeals.
4 iv)	TRAB Chair to provide TasRIC and Tasracing Integrity with recommendations to improve stewards' advocacy skills at appeals and the conduct of stewards' inquiries, including reporting, to assist with the Appeals process.	Support in principle	The Government will consult with the Chair of the TRAB, it may be that this function best resides with TasRIC under the new integrity model.

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4 v)	The 2004 Act be reviewed (sections 33 and 34) to remove any ambiguity, to provide racing participants with the right to seek and be granted a stay of penalty by TRAB, pending appeal, to enable participants to fulfil pre-existing riding and driving engagements.	Support in principle	The Government will consider this matter through development of legislation to implement the reforms.
Recommendations Section 5. Animal Welfare and RSPCA			
5 i)	The Act, be amended to provide for RSPCA to have a role with animal welfare in the racing industry.	Support	The Government, subject to consultation on the legislation to implement the reforms, supports RSPCA Tasmania having an advisory role relating to animal welfare.
5 ii)	RSPCA to represent registered community groups involved with animal welfare matters relating to racing.	Support in principle	The Government, subject to consultation on the legislation to implement the reforms, supports RSPCA Tasmania representing community groups involved in animal welfare matters relating to racing.
5 iii)	TasRIC to chair bi-annual consultative meetings with NRE Tas (Biosecurity Tasmania), RSPCA and Tasracing (including Tasracing Integrity).	Support	See also the response to 2 ii) 3.
5 iv)	Consideration be given as to whether the general functions and powers of Tasracing (currently described in S 11 of the 2004 Act) should be expanded to incorporate consultation with RSPCA, in addition to current requirement for its adherence to the Rules of Racing	Support in principle	The Government will consider this recommendation in development of the legislation developed to implement the reform.
5 v)	Government to consider RSPCA's role and powers under the Tasmanian <i>Animal Welfare Act 1993</i> to investigate all issues within the racing industry.	Support in principle	<i>Underway</i> The Government has already committed to improvements to the Animal Welfare Act through the Welfare Amendment Bill 2022. Key amendments in the Bill include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded meaning of 'disposal' and consequential amendments. • Onus of proof of animal ownership facilitated. • Animal research clarifications. • Animal cruelty and aggravated cruelty – correction and alternative verdict option.

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	5 v) <i>Continued.</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ban on pronged collars. • Expanded officer powers of entry. • Expanded officer powers to take possession of animals. • Additional Magistrates orders – seizure and disposal of animals at risk. • Faster disposal of carcasses. • Extraterritorial application for the purposes of requiring information. • Early cost recovery for care of seized animals.
Recommendations Section 6. Other matters relevant to the above recommendations			
6 i)	That appropriate funding be provided by Government to meet the recommended integrity arrangements detailed in the report, including:	Support	Noting that to support progression of the Monteith Review, the Government will provide \$200,000 towards implementation.
6 ii)	ORI output budget, currently \$5.6m pa, to be allocated based on functions transferred between Tasracing and TasRIC.	Support	The Government supports the budget transfer between Tasracing and TasRIC being based on a functional split.
6 iii)	Any efficiencies achieved by Tasracing be applied to supplement Tasracing integrity, probity and animal welfare responsibilities.	Support	See the response to 6 ii)
6 iv)	Funding currently provided separately for the Director and administrative support for that role be applied to TasRIC.	Support	See the response to 6 ii)
6 v)	TasRIC to be provided with initial permanent support including a policy officer, an Investigator and an administrative support officer. Upon review, at an appropriate time, consideration should be given to TasRIC engaging additional resources in future on a contract basis.	Support	<p>The Government supports the initial staffing for the TasRIC Office as proposed.</p> <p>The Government will, in addition, bolster the TasRIC Office by ensuring that the Office must include staff with experience in animal welfare policy and regulation.</p>