



Greyhound live baiting laws pass South Australian Parliament

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Anyone involved in live baiting in greyhound racing could face up to four years in prison or a hefty fine under legislation which has passed the South Australian Parliament.

It means live baiting has the same penalties as dog or cock fighting.

Government minister Ian Hunter said the RSPCA and Greyhound Racing SA also would change regulation of the industry.

"[There will be] new approaches to compliance in the industry, [they will] undertake drone surveillance of training sites and improve the rules around prohibition and compulsory reporting of any knowledge of live baiting in the industry," he said.

Mr Hunter said the laws were important despite the lack of any specific evidence there had been live baiting in South Australia.

"We'd be trying to kid ourselves if we thought that it couldn't potentially happen here in South Australia, so whilst the main thrust of change is happening in the eastern states — where they know they have live baiting issues — we don't want to be a state where our laws are insufficiently tough.

"There is simply no place in a civilised society for such an appalling method of training animals."

The new laws have maximum penalties of up to \$50,000 in fines or four-year jail terms, up from \$20,000 fines or imprisonment for two years.

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PHOTO: New laws will boost live baiting penalties in South Australia. (Supplied: Animals Australia)

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