

# Media Release

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## NEW SAFETY LEGISLATION FOR VICTORIAN RACECOURSES

The Andrews Labor Government will today introduce legislation to Parliament in a bid to enhance safety for all at race meetings across the state.

Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines today announced the *Racing Amendment (Unauthorised Access) Bill 2022*, which will add new provisions into the *Racing Act 1958* to include safety measures to deter dangerous behaviour at Victorian racecourses.

The Bill will amend the Act to ban unauthorised access to restricted areas at racecourses during race meetings and official trial meetings.

It will also make illegal disruptive behaviour in and around restricted areas and allow for law enforcement officers to intervene when required.

Restricted areas will include the racetrack, mounting yard, stables and kennels, and pathways between them.

The changes are consistent with the crowd management provisions in the *Major Events Act 2009*, which covers major events including eight of Victoria's major Spring Racing Carnival meetings.

The Bill will ensure the same safeguards are in place at every thoroughbred, harness and greyhound race meeting and official trial meeting across the state.

Enforcement options will include on the spot fines and offenders being ejected from the venue. In more serious cases, court action can be taken to ban them from attending future race meetings.

The racing industry in Victoria generates \$4.7 billion for the Victorian economy and helps sustain over 34,900 jobs in the state.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Racing Anthony Carbines

*"This Bill is about discouraging dangerous behaviour, which although doesn't happen often has no place at race meets in Victoria.*

*"These additional deterrents will help ensure the safety and welfare of all, from the animals to racing staff and participants, and racegoers."*