

# Statement

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## STATEMENT FROM THE MINISTER FOR RACING

The Racing Integrity Commissioner, Sean Carroll, has released the report on the Independent Review into the Victorian Racing Industry victim support and complaint processes.

The review, initiated by a referral from Racing Victoria, Harness Racing Victoria and Greyhound Racing Victoria, has provided an opportunity for victim survivors to report their experiences in the racing industry.

The review identified significant cultural and safety issues across the industry, including experiences of physical and sexual abuse, assault and harassment.

These allegations are unacceptable and deeply distressing. I would like to extend my respect and thanks to the victim survivors who courageously shared their experiences to inform the review.

Their voices have been heard and will drive meaningful and enduring change.

We expect that those affected by this unacceptable behaviour will get access to the support and services they need.

The Commissioner has made nine recommendations to racing control bodies to ensure the industry prioritises the safety and wellbeing of its people and that they are protected by a robust code of conduct.

I look forward to the Victorian Racing Industry responding accordingly to intensify its efforts to improve its culture and implement the measures that will deliver the change required.

It is important to remember at the core of the racing industry are thousands of hard-working, dedicated people, and they deserve a workplace that is safe and free from harm.

The Victorian Government will continue to work with the racing industry to ensure they have the tools and support they need to implement lasting change.