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SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY EXTENDED

The NSW Government has agreed to give Former High Court Justice Michael McHugh AC a six-month extension to complete the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Greyhound Industry in NSW to ensure his report leaves no stone unturned.

Commissioner McHugh has requested the extension, citing 30,000 documents and 115 hours of video gathered already, with further private and public hearings to come.

The extension will see the report of the Special Commission of Inquiry, which has the powers of a Royal Commission, delivered in March 2016.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Racing Troy Grant said the extension shows the NSW Government is committed to seeing a comprehensive investigation that reflects the community's and Government's rejection of the mistreatment of animals.

"This Government is committed to offering the resources including the time Justice McHugh needs to conduct a thorough and full Inquiry, so we can leave no stone unturned as we seek to clean up the industry."

"Like all of those who viewed the live baiting revelations that aired on the ABC's *Four Corners* program, I was disgusted," Mr Grant said.

"The NSW Government acted swiftly to protect the welfare of animals by establishing the Inquiry and took immediate steps to remove the board and CEO."

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