

Nationals MPs Katrina Hodgkinson and Chris Gulaptis dumped after greyhound revolt

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Cootamundra Nationals MP Katrina Hodgkinson crossed the floor during the vote on the NSW greyhound ban. Picture: Craig Greenhill

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NATIONAL Party MPs who opposed the greyhound ban have been dumped as parliamentary secretaries.

Katrina Hodgkinson and Chris Gulaptis, two of the MPs who revolted against the government's greyhound racing ban, will no longer serve as parliamentary secretaries for northern and southern NSW.

It is understood Mr Gulaptis offered his resignation but Ms Hodgkinson was sacked.

They are being replaced by Adam Marshall and Bronnie Taylor.

Deputy Premier Troy Grant said both MPs would be great additions to the government.



NSW Deputy Premier Troy Grant, who was all smiles as he and Premier Mike Baird after the vote, dumped Ms Hodgkinson and Mr Gulaptis after they opposed the ban. Picture: AAP Image/David Moir

“Both Adam and Bronnie will bring a renewed focus on regional NSW, ensuring the communities of northern and southern NSW have a strong voice in government,” Mr Grant said

“Adam and Bronnie both have a track record of delivering for their communities and I know they will kick goals in their new roles.

“Regional communications and renewable energies are both important issues in the bush and are clear priorities for the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government with these responsibilities now attached to the Parliamentary Secretary roles.

Mr Grant expressed his thanks to Ms Hogkinson and Mr Gulaptis.

“I thank outgoing Parliamentary Secretaries Katrina Hodgkinson and Chris Gulaptis for their service in their roles and look forward to speaking to them both about other opportunities to best serve their communities into the future,” he said.



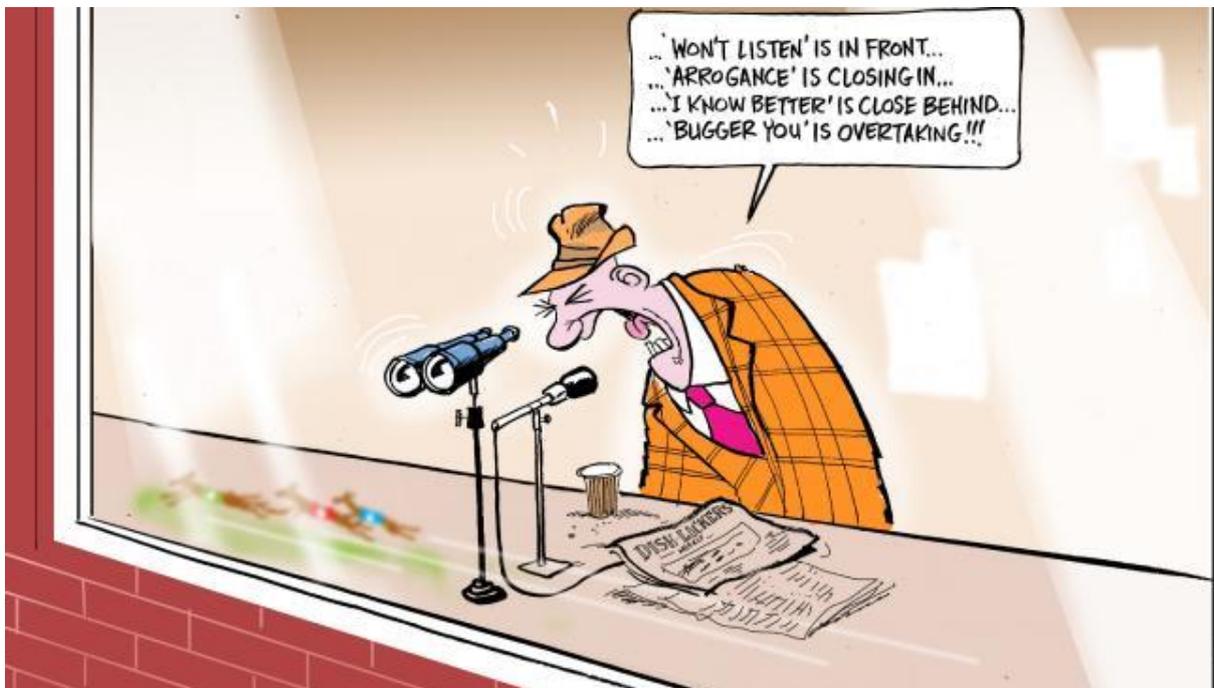
Mr Gulaptisis the Nationals MP in the seat of Clarence on the Far North Coast.



Greyhound racing will be banned in NSW from July 1 next year. Picture: Simon Bullard.



Greyhound ban passed in NSW upper house



Warren Brown's cartoon in Thursday's Daily Telegraph.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nationals-mps-katrina-hodgkinson-and-chris-gulaptis-dumped-after-greyhound-revolt/news-story/12c360654fd73b8a37814bdc1f47aa10>