

## INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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It is my opinion that the Greyhound Racing industry in Australia needs to be made accountable for the many thousands of dogs that are bred & done away with (either humanely or inhumanely) because they are considered useless to those who would race the dogs. We need closer breeding & "wastage" oversight & controls to stop the needless suffering of so many animals who are not needed or wanted. A few animals are adopted out but there are not enough homes for animals in shelters as it is because so many people allow their animals to breed freely then dump them on the doorsteps of these organisations who are struggling under the physical & financial strain of homeless animals already. Open slather on breeding needs to be brought to a halt. Controls need to be put in place to ensure animals bred will be used for racing & not discarded. Euthanasia should only be performed by Vets & records sent to relevant authorities regularly for checking and follow up when animals are put down for unacceptable or unusual reasons, or if the vet has any ethical concerns about anything regarding greyhounds they attend & the conditions they are living in. Spot checks on greyhound owners properties & dogs should be allowed by law so nothing unethical, illegal or untoward can be hidden.

I also think that export of greyhounds should be banned as we do not know what conditions these dogs will have to endure when they are sold to unscrupulous owners in other countries.