

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Inquiry into Greyhound racing in the state of New South Wales.

As a decent human being, I strongly oppose greyhound racing in NSW. I oppose the presence of animal cruelty in any sport in any location. Many parties are displeased with the welfare of the animals involved in the NSW greyhound racing, for good reason.

It has been reported that in Australia, 324 greyhounds died at the track, 31 186 suffering injuries that prevented them from continuing to race. A very small number of greyhounds are rehomed following their racing career. It has been estimated that 17,000 greyhounds are killed each year in Australia. It has also been reported that the number of positive drug tests on the greyhounds have risen by 82%. These numbers are astounding, and it's apparent that there is a lack of concern over animal welfare in this sport.

Another concern is that the only overseeing authorities of this sport is Greyhound Racing NSW, and the integrity auditor is also chosen by the same organisation. This person chosen is in charge of drug testing and other issues regarding the integrity of greyhound racing. This position should be filled by an outside organisation, and actions taken should be overseen by an animal welfare organisation. It is a self-regulating industry therefore criminal activity and cruel treatment of animals is difficult to expose.

It is inhumane to allow the industry to continue like this. Australia should be taking steps towards being a modern, cruelty-free country. I hope all the information will be taken into account and I hope this submission will prompt others into researching for themselves and uncovering the cruelty present in greyhound racing in the NSW.

Best Regards.