

**Submission
No 782**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Dear Director,

I am writing because I am extremely concerned about the treatment of greyhounds in the racing industry in New South Wales. Current regulations are allowing abuse of greyhounds which any I feel any capable person would deem is unacceptable.

I bring to your attention the following for your consideration:

1. I feel there is a need for better management of the sale and over-breeding of greyhounds.
2. There is a need for measures, eg financial incentives, to reduce the high numbers of greyhounds euthanased each year.
3. As screened on the ABC the allegations of the 'doping' of dogs.
4. I am concerned about the welfare of animals in the industry and the conflict of interest represented by Greyhound Racing NSW's role in establishing and enforcing standards for the treatment of animals in the industry.
5. The need for prosecution where animal cruelty is found
6. The inadequacy and questionable integrity of data collection in the industry: including the number of pups born, the number of dogs euthanased and injury rates.
7. The ongoing export of greyhounds to countries where there are no effective animal cruelty laws, like Macau.

I trust you will take these issues into consideration during this Inquiry. My hope is that this Inquiry results in strong recommendations which will improve the treatment of greyhounds.

Sincerely,

Therese McLEAn