

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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ATTENTION: THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

I am writing to voice my personal opinion on the future of racing greyhound dogs in NSW. Even though I reside in QLD, I believe it is an outdate practice & does not fall into line with current community expectations or developments in animal welfare Australia wide. NSW has the ability to set an example for the numerous states to follow in regards to good welfare practices for the current animals involved. I feel profiteering from animals should not be encouraged in the future & the 'wastage' of dogs not good enough for to win races is not incorporated into the industry.

I am strongly opposed to the continuation of greyhound racing in NSW for the reasons listed below.

- High rates of over-breeding and large-scale killing of greyhounds
- Industry's acceptance of high level of greyhound 'wastage'
- High rates of injuries sustained during racing, often fatal
- Reports of the use of performance enhancing drugs on the animals
- Reports of inhumane methods of killing, often to healthy animals
- Reports of links to organised crime
- Insufficient commitment by Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) for the welfare of the animals
- Lack of funds means no animal welfare improvements planned
- Insufficient regulation and monitoring of animal welfare by GRNSW
- Lack of close regulation of GRNSW's Code of Practice
- Insufficient penalties awarded for breaching animal welfare standards
- Ineffective re-homing program adopted by GRNSW
- Greyhounds exported to countries with inadequate welfare regulations

- Distinct lack of importance awarded to the welfare of the animals

I thank you & anticipate the results found by the Committee in the near future.

Sincerely

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