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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Greyhound racing is outdated. Exploiting animals for "entertainment" and profit has no place in a modern, first-world society. Coming from the veterinary industry, I have personally seen the direct effects of the greyhound racing industry and the animal welfare concerns it raises. The greyhound racing industry participates in mass slaughter of (largely healthy) dogs when they fail to be "fast enough" (and every dog eventually fails to fast enough). Due the vast amount of greyhounds being killed every year, the methods have to be cheap rather than humane and often include shooting, beating, mutilation, starving, drowning, throat-slitting, bleeding out or overseas exportation to countries with no enforceable animal welfare laws. These are NOT rumours - as a veterinarian, I have personally witnessed this myself and it is NOT an uncommon occurrence. The lack of regulation and record keeping of the breeding, births, sales, injuries and euthanasia of greyhounds facilitates these cruel killing methods going undetected. Greyhound racing also has a negative impact on humans, encouraging gambling which is a known social harm. NSW does not need greyhound racing to protect the economy - there are many examples of countries/states that have banned betting on greyhounds and their economies have not crumbled. Furthermore, greyhound racing may produce revenue into the millions of dollars, but the social cost of problem gambling is well into the billions. Please refer to the report submitted below.

http://www.animallaw.info/nonus/articles/art_pdf/McEwan_Skandakumar_AAPLJ_Greyhound_2013.pdf