

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I am very concerned about the treatment of dogs in the greyhound racing industry.

There needs to be better management of the sale and over breeding of greyhounds. The overbreeding leads to unnecessary euthanising of greyhounds for no reason at all.

All dogs are sentient, social being. Greyhounds are particularly gentle creatures. It is an indictment of our inhumanity that the doping of greyhounds and cruel treatment of racing dogs is allowed. Greyhound Racing NSW clearly has a conflict of interest and should not be the body to establish and enforce standards for the humane and proper treatment of dogs in the racing industry.

It is shameful that the export of 'retired' greyhounds is allowed to continue to countries where there are no effective animal cruelty laws. And, as we have seen with live animal export, even where there are animal cruelty laws those laws are not always observed, and there are no sanctions or repercussions for those who inflict pain and suffering on those animals.

I strongly urge the committee to ensure that where animal cruelty is found in this state then the perpetrators must be properly punished, by fines, expulsion from the industry or even imprisonment for the worse cases.