

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Dear Committee,

Abuse of animals is not something any society claiming to be a civilised one (which Australia does claim to be) can condone.

It is clear there are many areas which require regulation, inspection, and better control and management in the dog racing industry, including but not limited to the concerns as listed below:

There is a need for better management of the sale and over-breeding of greyhounds.

There is a need for measures, such as financial incentives, to reduce the high numbers of greyhounds euthanased each year.

Allegations of the 'doping' of dogs need proper attention and investigation, and action where such practices are found

Concerns 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 needs to be investigated, addressed and improved, and where such improvements are necessary regulated and controlled:

The need for prosecution where animal cruelty is found needs to be enforced

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 needs to be improved and monitored

The ongoing export of greyhounds to countries where there are no effective animal cruelty laws needs to be stopped; and

Any other issues, concerns and examples relating to animal protection against cruel practices and abuse need to be addressed.