

**Submission
No 107**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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To whom it may concern

I understand you are seeking submissions as you contemplate changes to the NSW Greyhound Industry and would very much like to submit to you my thoughts. I ask you to consider the following points:

There should be better management in relation to the overbreeding of pups, many of whom will never make it to the dog track and will end up euthanised. Regulations should also be enforced regarding the sale of these pups.

There are far too many greyhounds euthanised each year. Greyhounds are very gentle animals and extremely affectionate and it is unacceptable that so many are killed once they are no more use to their owners when their racing days are over.

There is a conflict of interest represented by the Greyhound Racing's Industry in establishing standards in treatment of animals in their industry. The welfare of these animals must be paramount at all times.

Animal cruelty must not be tolerated and the perpetrators must be severely persecuted.

The integrity of data collection in the industry should be carefully monitored especially in regard to the number of pups born, euthanised and the rate of injury suffered.

Greyhounds should not be exported to countries where there is no effective cruelty laws.

Australia is deemed to be a fair and just country and, at present, our laws do not adequately protect animals who have no voice to be heard.

I urge you, the Committee, to change these laws so that animals are protected; backyard breeders are banned and animals are not bred over and over again with the result being defects in the young. There are too many animals ending up in shelters and pounds with not enough people available to adopt them.

I thank you for permitting me to voice my concerns.