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## **INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW**

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the practices and processes that the Greyhound racing industry supports.

I have long held that this industry upholds an inexcusable amount of cruelty in the name of 'sport', and I welcome this opportunity to make my views heard.

I have friends with Greyhounds and I subscribe to Greyhound rescue news feeds, and the constant turnover of dogs, and the tales of cruelty, are quite shocking. To have this underpin a practice that publicly and unashamedly draws crowds - and dollars - for a sporting spectacle, must be changed. It is unethical in the extreme.

There are many issues to be addressed here:

- There is a need for improving the management practices around the sale and over-breeding of greyhounds.
- Government must intervene with measures to reduce the high numbers of greyhounds euthanased each year.
- To address the recently televised allegations of doping - I am concerned that the welfare of animals in the industry conflicts with the interests of Greyhound Racing NSW's role in establishing and enforcing standards for the treatment of animals. The basis of this process needs to be dealt with by an unbiased third party without a financial stake in the industry.
- There needs to be significant and aggressive prosecution where animal cruelty is found. It is inexcusable that animals should be mistreated and abused in the name of sport. That is completely uncivilised - are we a crowd baying for blood at the Colosseum? Ridiculous.
- I am also concerned that there is not greater policing of the inadequate and questionable data collection in the industry: including the number of pups born, the number of dogs euthanased and injury rates.
- I believe, additionally, that we should halt export of greyhounds to countries where there are no effective animal cruelty laws.

Thank you for your time. I hope that this important issue, which has made me very sad and very angry for many years, receives due attention by government.

Regards,

Zoe