

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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There is an urgent, and well overdue, need for greatly improved management of the sale, conditions and over-breeding of greyhounds in NSW.

I have true concerns about the conflict of interest represented by Greyhound Racing NSW having a role in 'enforcing' standards of the treatment of greyhounds used in the racing industry. Standards must be monitored and enforced by an entirely independent animal welfare body.

The great tragedy of the huge number of greyhound euthanised every year in NSW, MUST be addressed. It is unacceptable that dogs are over-bred and then euthanised when they either do not race well or are too old to earn money for their owners.

It is alleged that a large number of dogs are doped prior to racing. Again, this is quite unacceptable and breaches animal welfare laws.

Why are breeders allowed to breed so many greyhounds when we already know that a minimum of 3000 greyhounds are euthanised EVERY year?

Any and all cases of animal cruelty must be prosecuted.