

**Submission
No 927**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Hello,

thank you for this chance to voice my personal concerns for the greyhounds and the industry they are mainly bred for.

I have recently had the absolute pleasure of fostering a couple of these beautiful creatures. Their nature and temperament is second to none. I cannot imagine the pain they must feel from living in a kennel their whole life and fed mostly bread to keep them lean to race. Most of these beautiful dogs are not even socialised except to train and race and more often than not they are then "discarded" or killed when they are not deemed successful enough to race. I believe the statistics are 30,000 greyhounds are killed in Australia alone each year.

I beg you to acknowledge these pleas for help for these beautiful creatures, surely in our day and age, we can put a stop to the use and torture of animals for money and pleasure. Do we really need to be so gluttonous.

If you have ever looked into a greyhound's eyes you will see the amazing purity of this animal's soul and spirit. We cannot keep breaking them like this.

As a step there should be a licence required to breed these (and other) dogs to help control over supply. This would relieve pressure on the rescue groups like the RSPCA etc and ensure we are doing our part to protect these beautiful animals.

Thank you for hearing my concerns and thoughts. I hope so much we can do something together to see changes in the system in the near future.

Sincerely,

Heather Green