

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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To: Legislative Council Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in NSW

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Submission Heading: GRNSW not working for the benefit of owners and trainers

Relevance/Terms of Reference: The capability and performance of Greyhound Racing NSW and governance of the industry

What I would like to say:

I have been involved in the greyhound industry as an owner, trainer and breeder for 20 years. I breed approximately 3 to 4 litters a year. I am disillusioned with the leadership of the greyhound industry particularly the GBOTA and GRNSW. I did not renew my owner/trainer licence.

The cost of breeding, training and owning greyhounds has increased by far more than the returns of 10 years ago.

The increase in C grade meetings is one of the main reasons I cannot continue because I think we have gone backwards. Previously Richmond 1st place prize money was \$700 while now if I race at Richmond at a C grade meeting the 1st place prize money is only \$500. The TAB still gets its full share as well as the government tax and the distribution to GRNSW is the same as TAB B distribution. The greyhound owner/trainer/breeder is the only loser in this ridiculous situation. I am the one doing all the work and receiving half pay. If nothing changes I will be getting out of the industry and therefore less tax will go to the government.