

**Submission
No 892**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Dear Director,

I am worried about the mistreatment of greyhounds by people in the racing industry especially the number of dogs killed who are deemed to be inadequate racers.

There needs to be some industry watchdog (excuse the pun) to look over the industry and that has powers to fine people and companies for mistreating dogs with cruelty such as drugging, minimise the thousands of dogs killed, improve horrible living standards, stop practices such as starvation so they are more easily trained to chase the 'rabbit' etc I have also heard that many trainers use live animals during training so the dogs are able to rip apart a meal once the 'rabbit' is caught.

While some of these things may not be wide spread I question whether allowing the industry to self regulate and enforce standards is a MASSIVE conflict of interest.

An independent body should be scrutinising the industry with the power to give fines and initiate legal action for breaches.

I sincerely hope this inquiry leads to change for the better for the dogs.

Sincerely,

Summer Fawell