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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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**TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO
GREYHOUND RACING - SUBMISSION**

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INTERCODE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT IS UNFAIR TO THE GREYHOUND INDUSTRY, WHOEVER SIGNED ON OUR BEHALF SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE MONEY THAT HAS BEEN LOST TO OUR INDUSTRY. THE GREYHOUNDS ACCOUNT FOR 20% OF THE TAB SALES BUT RECEIVE ONLY 13% OF THE TAB FUNDS AS PER THE INTERCODE AGREEMENT, THEREBY SUBSIDIZING THE THOROUGHBREDS AND HARNESS RACING.

WHEN THE HENDRA OUTBREAK CAUSED THE STOPPAGE OF ALL HORSE RACING LAST YEAR FOR MONTHS ON END IT WAS THE GREYHOUND INDUSTRY THAT SUPPLIED THE MEANS FOR THE TAB FUNDS AND YET WE GOT NO COMPENSATION FROM ANYONE.

IT IS HOPED THAT LEGISLATION CAN BE INTRODUCED TO GIVE US OUR FAIR SHARE OF THE WAGERING WHICH WILL ENABLE US BETTER TO SURVIVE AND GROW AND IMPLIMENT MORE INITIATIVES IN OUR GREYHOUND WELFARE MATTERS.

OUR INDUSTRY IN NSW HAS QUITE A FEW GREYHOUND ADOPTION PROGRAMS WHICH ARE SUCCESSFUL IN PLACING RETIRED RACERS IN HOMES TO LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES AND WITH MORE MONEY COMING IN WE COULD ACHIEVE A LOT MORE.

NOT ALL OF OUR RETIREES GO TO ADOPTION, MANY OF US KEEP THEM AT HOME (WE HAVE 4 RETIREES OURSELVES) I KNOW ONE LADY WHO HAS 10 OF HER RETIRED RACERS ON HER PROPERTY LIVING OUT THEIR LIVES.

OUR DRUG DETECTING POLICIES HAVE IMPROVED BUT WE DO NEED SOMEONE LIKE DAVID LANDA TO OVERSEE OUR INDUSTRY AND OUR GREYHOUND RACING BOARD (NOT SOMEONE EMPLOYED BY THEM) BUT SOMEONE WHO HAS HIS OWN AUTHORITY TO ACT ON ANYTHING BOUGHT TO HIM BY PARTICIPANTS. I MENTION DAVID LANDA BECAUSE WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED AS OUR INTEGRITY OFFICER HE COULD HAVE BEEN AN ASSET TO OUR INDUSTRY IF HE HAD'VE BEEN ALLOWED TO DO HIS JOB, BUT WAS HELD BACK BY GRNSW AND LEFT THE JOB IN DISGUST, THAT IS WHY WE SAY WE NEED SOMEONE NOT EMPLOYED OR APPOINTED BY GRNSW BUT SOMEONE WHO IS ALLOWED TO INVESTIGATE GRNSW THEMSELVES AND ALL MATTERS RELATING TO GREYHOUND RACING.

OUR MAIN AIM WOULD BE TO OVERRULE THE INTERCODE AGREEMENT AND TO HAVE A GREYHOUND BOARD THAT WANTS TO SEE GREYHOUND RACING ADVANCE IN NSW, OUR CURRENT GRNSW DON'T SEEM TO WANT THAT TO HAPPEN. THEY HAVE MADE SO MANY BAD DECISIONS AND THEY DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER TO ANYBODY. THEY ARE AN ENTITY UNTO THEMSELVES AND DON'T HAVE OUR INDUSTRY AT HEART. THEY HAVE GOTTEN RID OF STEWARDS THAT WERE GENUINE GOOD STEWARDS AND VETERNARIANS WHO KNOW AND LOVE THE GREYHOUNDS.

THE MAJORITY OF OUR PARTICIPANTS ARE EVERYDAY WORKING CLASS AUSTRALIANS WHO WORK HARD FOR A LIVING AND FOR THEIR DOGS. WE ARE NOT THE WEALTHY THOROUGHBRED OWNERS & TRAINERS WHO CAN PAY 100'S OF THOUSANDS FOR A HORSE. WE'RE MOSTLY WORKING PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE GREYHOUNDS FOR A HOBBY AND ONLY WANT A FAIR GO.

99% OF OUR PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEIR DOGS AND TREAT THEM LIKE FAMILY ARE NOT THE DRUG USING CRUEL PEOPLE THAT ARE DEPICTED BY THE LIKES OF THE ABC PROGRAM AND DR KAYE. YES THERE ARE BAD PEOPLE IN OUR INDUSTRY AS THERE IS IN EVERY WALK OF LIFE, AND THEY GET IN

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**THANKING YOU,
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