

Submission
No 183

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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To : Legislative Council Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in NSW 18-Sep-2013

Submission - "The Current Funding Model – Unintended Consequences".

Request – that the Inquiry seek the Inter Code document and all board minutes, commercial and other advice documents leading to the industry sign off and agreement to that document (in 1998). This goes to the heart of the current funding model for the industry (fixed for 99 years) and the claim of unintended government consequences outlined in Submission One of the Greyhound Action Group NSW Inc pages 21-25. Please read Submission One by Greyhound Action Group NSW Inc for further information.

Relevance: - Terms A (economic viability), B (financial performance) , C (Government Assistance measures) and governance F (effectiveness and accountability) and H (performance and governance).

Reasoning to Request

In the Submission One document, Greyhound Action Group NSW Inc has been able to find various information as tabled in that document, of which support an assertion that the legislative approval of the Inter Code within a hierarchy of bulk documents had unintended consequences between the racing industries. Further, there is a deep shadow over claims by current government that the agreement is commercial and should be resolved between the codes directly. The circumstances show indeed the government played a large role, and some of the circumstances are concerning, as outlined therein.

In order to further assess the circumstances leading to signing the Inter Code and given that this document that is fixed as to revenue share for 99 years, a massive on going impact upon the industry, it is requested that the Inquiry seek a copy of the Intercode document and all minutes and commercial and legal advisings leading to the entry into it by the industry,

I have previously sought documents and information from Office Liquor Gaming and Racing and GRNSW in respect to board minutes and any commercial or other advisings (example, financial risk analysis and legal advice independent to other codes) leading to the industry signing off the Inter Code. With respect to GRNSW, this was formally requested under **Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.**

Very disappointingly, both GRNSW and OLGR have said they do not have the documents, and have advised me to contact the other to further seek the documents. I

consider this unhelpful and have made both of them aware that each has referred me to the other, yet no further assistance has been forthcoming.

What is further disappointing is that GRNSW has told the industry it has legal advice to the negative as to challenging the Inter Code (called for by many). And yet it would appear it does not have much of the lead up or advisory documentation. If not a legal issue, then it many in the industry, it is certainly an issue of transparency and accountability in governance of the industry.

Further to this, _____ sought a copy of the Intercode document itself under the former FOI act but was denied (as I understand it). I again also sought this under the current Act but was denied.

Conclusion- It is requested that the Inquiry seek the Inter Code document and all board minutes, commercial and other advice documents leading to the industry sign off and agreement to that document (in 1998).