

**Submission  
No 773**

## **INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW**

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Dear Director,

I am writing to you as you have asked input from concerned citizens about the policies, welfare issues, and industry management of greyhound racing.

I believe based from various sources, such as news and documentary programs aired on TV that greyhounds, in the racing industry in NSW are not getting a fair deal or fair treatment; considering that they are providing income for their owners.

Listing the points that are of concern:

- \*Inadequate current regulations create a climate where abuse is rife
  - \* Management guidelines with strict parameters covering sale and overbreeding of greyhounds
  - \*Measures coupled with incentives, (financial rewards) to decrease the over- euthanasiation of under performing dogs, this practise replaced by a fostering and adoption programs.
  - \*AN inquiry that follows up the allegations of 'dog doping' made by a program on the ABC - not a surface enquiry but an undercover enquiry that unearths the real story behind these allegations.
  - \* Separate any issues that may be 'in conflict of interest by establishing an independent agency to monitor , establish.and enforce strict standards for the treatment of animals in the industry just as the RSPCA do in respect of domestic animals - afford that, greyhounds have the same care and accountability, prosecution and enforcement of 'duty of care' that other animals have including wild ones. That the perpetrators get the 'full measure of the law' for abuse and inhumane treatment and cruelty is found in the treatment of greyhounds.
  - \* Put measures in place to safeguard the integrity of data collection about the collection of accurate, statistical information such as:
    - \*number of pups borne per quarter
    - \*number of dogs euthanased each quarter
    - \*MONTHLY injury rates
  - \* The prevention of the exporting of greyhounds to countries that have no effective animal cruelty laws, for example, MACAU Please take these salient issues into account in your thorough investigation of the status and treatment of greyhounds and the greyhound racing industry.
- I sincerely hope that this very important Inquiry leads to strong recommendations that protects the welfare and treatment of greyhounds.

Yours faithfully,  
Krista Petrauskas

Sincerely,

Krista Petrauskas