

## INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I would encourage the committee to hear the concerns of the broader community that the animal welfare standards of the industry need to be improved. Please pay careful attention to the following terms of reference:

- (j) Sale and breeding of greyhounds including the market conditions and welfare of animals
- (k) The welfare of animals in the industry and the role of Greyhound Racing NSW in establishing and enforcing standards of treatment of animals
- (l) Financial incentives for reducing euthanasia and prosecutions for animal mistreatment

As we saw yesterday in the Melbourne Cup, there is an extreme health and welfare cost to the animals participating in these sports with very serious injuries occurring regularly which result in deaths. I urge the committee to consider why such high injury and death rates are acceptable in the racing industry but not other sports and industries? Why should this industry act in a manner that is against the values of voters of NSW?