

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

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I am deeply concerned about the treatment of racing greyhounds in the state of NSW. Not only is animal cruelty a major issue here but the fact that it has taken this long to surface is quite disturbing. I am now pushing for the 'inquiry into greyhound racing committee' to consider these points and enforce higher standards ...

1. The need for better management of the sale and over-breeding of greyhounds.
2. The need for measures, such as financial incentives, to reduce the high numbers of greyhounds euthanased each year.
3. Allegations of the 'doping' of dogs (as I saw on ABC).
4. Concern about the welfare of animals in the industry and the conflict of interest represented by Greyhound Racing NSW's role in establishing and enforcing standards for the treatment of animals in the industry.
5. The need for prosecution where animal cruelty is found.
6. The inadequacy and questionable integrity of data collection in the industry: including the number of pups born, the number of dogs euthanased and injury rates.
7. The ongoing export of greyhounds to countries where there are no effective animal cruelty laws, like Macau.

I hope the committee will take this issue seriously because the general Australian public will not tolerate such disgraceful abuse towards man's best friend