

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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SUBMISSION TO SELECT COMMITTEE INQUIRING INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN
NEW SOUTH WALES

This submission is made by Seymour Vassilakis

Terms of Reference (f)

“The effectiveness and accountability of the board and management of Greyhound Racing NSW”

I organised a petition of greyhound participants, supporters and stakeholders. The petition asked for the board of GRNSW to hold forum/s for participants and other greyhound industry stakeholders to ask the GRNSW board members questions in relation to the greyhound industry and to put their concerns and views to the board.

Ms McGregor, GRNSW Chair, replied to those who signed the petition that it would not be fair to those people living outside the metropolitan area for a forum to be held in Sydney. Instead of a forum she gave an email address where she could be contacted with issues and concerns.

I was disappointed at Ms McGregor’s reply because an earlier press release had indicated that the board members would be visiting greyhound tracks to hear from participants.

The reason for the petition was that greyhound participants were fed up with lack of consultation, lack of prize money increases and constant rule changes to name a few. The consultative forums of GRICG and the GBOTA motions were not working. The petition seemed a good way to let the board know we wanted to talk to them. The petition did not ask for the forums to be held only in the metropolitan area so the reason for not holding the forums was false. It should also be noted that many greyhound participants are older people who do not use computers so the email address was useless for them.

My suggestion is that board members either individually or as a group hold at least 1 forum a year in the metropolitan area and various larger regional areas. The forums would be an opportunity for participants and stakeholders to voice their concerns, issues and also say when they approve of what GRNSW is doing.

I attach a copy of the petition. I thank the Select Committee for taking the time to read this submission.

My details are: Seymour Vasilakis

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Petition wording

We the undersigned call on GRNSW to organise a forum/s for participants and other greyhound industry stakeholders to ask GRNSW board members questions in relation to the greyhound industry and to put their concerns and views to the Board. The forum/s to be held by 31 December 2012.

Petition signed by 496 people