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## INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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The Committee for the Inquiry Into Greyhound Racing in New South Wales  
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To the Chair and Members of the Committee for the Inquiry Into Greyhound Racing in New South Wales,

Firstly, I commend the New South Wales Government in conducting this inquiry into Greyhound Racing.

This submission will address a number of the terms of reference, particularly those around the welfare of the animals as the welfare of the greyhounds is of the utmost importance to all stakeholders in the Industry.

(i) The incidence of drug administration and doping in the industry and the efficacy of Greyhound Racing NSW's control and testing processes

- There is a need to address allegations of 'doping' of dogs and put in place more effective measures to prevent this from occurring.
- The need for standards that promote regular testing and appropriate penalties for breaches.

(j) Sale and breeding of greyhounds including the market conditions and welfare of animals

- The need for better management of the sale and over breeding of greyhounds including limits on the number of bitches kept for breeding and the number of litters.
- The need to consult with organisations who rescue, adopt and rehome greyhounds to put in place measures to ensure the welfare of every animal.

(k) The welfare of animals in the industry and the role of Greyhound Racing NSW in establishing and enforcing standards of treatment of animals

- An independent body such as the RSPCA be consulted with on issues regarding the establishment and enforcement of standards relating to the treatment of animals.
- The need for prosecution where animal cruelty is found.
- The need for regular audits conducted by an independent organisation.

(l) Financial incentives for reducing euthanasia and prosecutions for animal mistreatment

- I agree that incentives (financial or otherwise) are required to reduce the number of dogs destroyed each year.
- Again, prosecution with appropriate penalties where animal mistreatment is found is required.
- The issue of greyhounds being destroyed cruelly by methods other than euthanasia by a qualified and registered veterinarian.

(m) The adequacy and integrity of data collection in the industry, including the number of pups born, the number of dogs euthensased and injury rates

- The inadequacy and integrity of data collection and records needs to be addressed.

(n) Any other matters

- I recommend that an independent ombudsman be appointed to monitor standards and ensure adherence to legislation with regular reporting.
- The responsibilities of Greyhound Racing NSW needs to include the welfare of animals and the membership of the Committee should include at least one member with suitable qualifications (e.g. veterinarian degree) and experience (experience with animal welfare issues) to ensure the welfare of greyhounds.
- The ongoing export of greyhounds to countries in which there are no or minimal laws for animal welfare needs to be addressed.

I thank you for your consideration of this submission and urge the Committee to ensure the highest standards of welfare for Greyhounds which of course is in the best interests of all stakeholders of the sport.

Yours sincerely