

**Submission  
No 805**

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

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**From:** Rebekah Puls  
**To:** greyhoundracing  
**Subject:** Submission to greyhound racing inquiry

Dear Director,

I am extremely concerned about the treatment of greyhounds in the racing industry in NSW. As much as I love to watch these beautiful dogs run, with time I have come to feel that current regulations allow unacceptable abuse of these animals.

There are several points I believe should be considered by the Committee:

The need for better management and regulation of the sale and over-breeding of greyhounds, as well as the need for constant and widespread and comprehensive statewide data collection and reporting. If there are less animals produced, this will reduce the high numbers of greyhounds that are forced to be euthanased.

Allegations of the 'doping' of dogs that I have heard from friends in the industry.

I am concerned 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. I would recommend frequent impromptu inspections of facilities and if animal cruelty is found, it is important that the perpetrators are prosecuted and banned from the industry for life.

The ongoing export of greyhounds to countries where there are no effective animal cruelty laws, like Macau and Hong Kong, where animals are put down if not placed in five starts.

I urge you to take these issues into account and I hope this Inquiry leads to strong recommendations which will improve the treatment of these dogs.

With thanks

Sincerely,

Rebekah Puls