

**Submission
No 878**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Dear Director,

I appreciate the chance to express our concerns with regards to greyhound racing. While there are two facets that create polarity in this situation it is still a matter of animal cruelty. One facet being the benefits for greyhounds to exercise innate skill for running. On the other hand the fact that trainers only purchase/breed these innocent animals purely for financial gains. Once these greyhounds retire from racing or God forbid they get injured, they are usually left in pounds to either get adopted or die. This in itself should be enough to stop greyhound racing.

This is in fact a form of animal cruelty. Allegations that these poor animals are being drugged for the sake of racing already supports this argument. You should at least commence investigations to find out the reality behind this. The amount of deaths from this breed in itself should be a testament of how these animals are treated. It follows that this "sport" should be suspended for the sake of animal welfare.

Hopefully the contents of this letter will be taken into serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Merille Raagas