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

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The cruel hidden truth of Grey Hound Racing in NSW is shocking. There must be numerous reforms made in order to meet the needs of the life and wellbeing of these innocent dogs. I myself do not support animal racing of any kind, but this reform will be a huge step against serious animal cruelty. These animals are not ours to harvest and adapt using drugs in order to win money. Numerous laws and rights must be created as well as enforced to protect these beautiful creatures from harm and exploitation. The need for better management of breeding will importantly assist the number of dogs euthanised, either professionally, or horrifically killed, to decrease enormously. Measures need to be put in place to reduce this high number in which dogs are euthanised. Allegations need to be investigated in terms of 'doping' in the industry to protect the greyhounds. There are numerous concerns, personally and state wide about the welfare of the animals in the industry and therefore these need to be investigated in order to establish and enforce very high standards for the treatment of animals in Grey Hound Racing. These investigations can and will provide significant evidence of animal cruelty, in which those responsible must be held accountable and be prosecuted. There is also questionable integrity about the data collection in the industry. It is extremely important to report the number of pups born, the number of dogs euthanised and the number of injuries in order to support the need for management of breeding and the hopeful decrease of euthanasia. A major problem for Grey Hound Racing victims, the animals not the punters, is the exportation of these animals to other countries where there is little to no animal cruelty laws to protect them from much worse treatment over seas. These reforms must be dealt with for the sake of all Grey Hounds who suffer. The real victims in this sport are not the punters who lose the money, but the numerous Grey Hounds who are abused physically and mentally. These beautiful creatures have the right to a full and happy life free from harm and cages. Grey Hound racing has now become a business. These animals are spit out by thousands, if they are not deemed worthy by their owner, judged by the money and races they win, they are simply thrown in the trash or abused with drugs to un-naturally try to improve them. It is run or die for them. These Grey Hounds are not machines, not things, they are living, breathing creatures with personalities and needs. It's about time we really listened to their needs and took action against this cruel business.