

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Dear Director,

I am sending the sample letter but also my own thoughts on this matter. I would appreciate it if you could read it. Thank you.

Personal message:

I really do feel for these dogs. Recent studies have proven that some animals feel the same emotions as humans, one being dogs. Therefore they deserve the respect and compassion that we are given by one another.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into this important inquiry into greyhound racing.

I am very concerned about the treatment of greyhounds in the racing industry in NSW. I feel that current regulations allow unacceptable abuse of these beautiful dogs.

These are the main points I believe should be considered by the Committee:

1. The need for better management of the sale and over-breeding of greyhounds.
2. The need for measures, such as financial incentives, to reduce the high numbers of greyhounds euthanased each year.
3. Allegations of the 'doping' of dogs (as I saw on ABC).
4. Concern 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.
5. The need for prosecution where animal cruelty is found.
6. The inadequacy and questionable integrity of data collection in the industry: including the number of pups born, the number of dogs euthanased and injury rates.
7. The ongoing export of greyhounds to countries where there are no effective animal cruelty laws, like Macau.

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.

Sincerely,

Cathy Mellor