

**Submission
No 277**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Dear Committee Members,

For many years now the general public have had a very dim view of greyhound racing for obvious reasons. As per the recent ABC report, the horrors of the industry are again out into focus by a team of decent people. As a member of the public, I detest any kind of animal cruelty, particularly to mans best friend, the loyal trusting dog. Gambling on greyhound racing is uncivilized enough but sanctioning cruelty to these beautiful animals by ignoring the facts is unforgivable. The NSW government needs to immediately step in and regulate this industry at the very least if it doesn't have the nerve to do the right thing and ban it completely. Greyhound racing is a vile activity disguised as a 'sport'.

I request that you consider my views and act on the most heinous aspects of the 'sport' as I see it.

Could you please address and stop the following-

- * the overbreeding and killing of healthy greyhounds
- * the use of drugs on the dogs
- * inhumane killing of the dogs
- * the insufficient regulation and monitoring of animal welfare by GRNSW
- * a disgracefully unacceptable program of exporting greyhounds to countries with inadequate welfare regulations
- * a distinct lack of importance given to the welfare of the greyhounds

Please make GRNSW allocate funds to improve animal welfare and make it mandatory to properly re home all greyhounds after their "career" has ended and make sure that their lives are. Not ended if they don't have an injury. Please ban the killing of all healthy greyhounds and monitor the life of every animal from birth to death by government officials to ensure that these beautiful animals may live the remainder of their natural lives properly and with care. GRNSW is obviously not a body that can be trusted with this job.

Please ban the unconscionable use of ex greyhounds in research or for use in veterinary schools.

Yours Sincerely,

Karyne Gough