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## INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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# Parliamentary Inquiry into Greyhound Racing NSW

To: Legislative Council Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in

NSW Dear Members

My husband and I have been involved in greyhound racing since 1969 that's 44 years ago.

During all this time we have spent many thousands of dollars and worked countless hours owning, training and breeding greyhounds. In monetary terms our costs have far outweighed our gain. Not withstanding this we have met many lifelong friends who's lives became more enjoyable through owning a racing greyhound.

My kennels were built at Wallendbeen in 1977 and I still train from there. The kennels are within 32k of Young ( non TAB track ) 70k of Temora ( non TAB ) 150k of Wagga ( TAB C ) and 400k from Wentworth Park.

In recent times I have had success as a greyhound trainer, racing at Wentworth Park and training a group 3 winner there. I have also had greyhounds who have ran track records.

Although these are accomplishments my dream of owning or training a champion Greyhound still eludes me. However this inquiry is about all the participants not just me. It includes...

- (a) The big kennels and the small.
- (b) The successful trainer and the battler.
- (c) The Famous and the unknown.
- (d) The healthy and the disabled.

We are a very diverse industry, whom also have had dreams just like mine, and there spread right across NSW and we all just want a fair go.

My concern is the future of the greyhound industry and it's survival under the conditions G.R.N.S.W now find themselves in, caused by the Intra Code Agreement 1997 compounded by mismanagement within G.R.N.S.W. Now the participants are bearing the brunt of these costly decisions made by our controlling body's over the years which were not of our making and we need this enquiry to help right the wrongs that's been done. Without change our...

- (a) Greyhound adoption and animal welfare programs could be put in jeopardy.
- (b) Keeping our sport drug free.
- (c) Track maintenance and infrastructure could cease.
- (d) Prize money to owners and trainers remaining stagnant.
- (e) Reducing more race meeting in rural areas which seems never-ending.
- (f) Track closures a constant fear.
- (g) Our human resource leaving because of reduced race meetings, track closures and prize money issues. They are in fact the cogs in the wheel that turns the industry to make it work, our breeders our owners and our trainers.

#### My Solution

In my opinion the Intra Code agreement should be market based reviewed every two years or so.

Each code would then be driven to improve their own position while rewarding effort. Competition is good it gets people off their backsides to do more for themselves not being complacent and relying on others for support. Everyone in the racing industry could benefit from this type of reform.

In conclusion I'm asking this Inquiry to consider my submission and do the right thing, the decent thing for a revitalisation of the greyhound industry in NSW.

Yours Sincerely,