

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am responding mainly to terms of reference (j) - (m) of this inquiry. I would like to voice my support for stronger enforcement of welfare standards regarding the treatment of greyhounds in this industry. I note that the first (and probably, prime) concern on the list of the terms of reference is (a) the industry's economic viability. Given the obvious financial importance of this industry, it seems to me that the best way to address animal welfare concerns, euthanasia, over-breeding, and unwanted animals, is to introduce financial disincentives. Should stiffer penalties be enforced for these issues, the fines could then also be redirected to actually ameliorate the effects of these problems. Fines could be channelled to approved greyhound rescue organisations which attempt to address animal welfare concerns directly created by this industry.

Kind regards,

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