

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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The Director

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Dear Sir,

I have been apart of the greyhound industry for the past 43 years and in this time a lot of things have changed, but one of the things that as had very little change is the prize money for a class b race meeting on a provincial track.

I had a greyhound in a race at Richmond on 6.12.1991 her name was New Sketch she won a 620m race and the prize money then was \$850 to day a 600m race prize money is \$1400 for the win, so in 22 years the prize money for a normal race as gone up \$25 per year, which is an insult when you see the amount of turn over the Greyhound industry is generating.

The greyhound industry is at present receiving 13% of the TAB funds distribution but we generate 20% of TAB sales, so over the past 15 years the Greyhound people and their dogs have suffered a massive loss of over \$139,000,000, You can not know what benefits and changes that could have been implemented for the welfare of all in this great sport.

The Equine Flu hit the horse industry horse racing ceased, so what happened, the Greyhounds held up the fort by racing more to keep the TAB turnover going, more greyhound race meetings were scheduled but for half prize money, why did we have to race for half prize money.

Next the lemma government put out a relief and recovery package for the racing industry, approximately 16 million dollars could be more, in the press release "\$500,000 to the Greyhound Racing Industry in recognition of its carrying the bulk of racing during the crisis" The government must recognise the greyhound industry is a asset to the 3 Codes and act accordingly

We are an important apart of the racing industry and we deserve to be treated fairly, in 2008 the Alan Cameron Report " Correct Weight " was commissioned by the former NSW Labor Government. Mr Cameron recommended that the three racing codes should agree to amend the Inter-Code Agreement to reflect the proportion of the wagering generated by each code.

He also recommended that in the absence of an agreement, the Government should by way of legislation OVER RIDE the INTER_CODE to achieve this.

We have to have this change for our industry to proceed forward, the welfare of our sport depends on this change.

WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR ANYTHING THAT WE ARE NOT ENTITLED TO!

Yours tr