

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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As a private citizen, I am deeply concerned that such a lucrative industry is as unregulated as it appears to be today in NSW. Industry, as well as the wider society, needs to take responsibility for this and introduce proper guidelines and regulations that promote proper animal welfare and take the dogs' wellbeing into consideration.

As a profit-making industry, Greyhound racing needs to be upheld to strict standards to ensure appropriate animal welfare. This includes issues like the sale and breeding of animals intended for racing to adhere to high breeding rules that an independent body (focused on animal welfare) would regulate. Greyhound racers, who would not meet the standards set by this body, should not be allowed to race. The animal welfare issues of Greyhound racing should be made transparent to punters, which would not necessarily reduce profits, but instead ensure responsible behavior is upheld by the industry. Breeding, injury, caring and euthanasia figures should be collected and upheld by this independent regulating body which should have the power to exclude racers who do not meet the standards.

I implore you to introduce such regulation and debate on this very important animal welfare issue.