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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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The Director
Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in New South Wales
Parliament House
Macquarie St
Sydney NSW 2000

To whom it may concern,

Re: Inquiry into Greyhound Racing in New South Wales

(1) The economic viability of greyhound racing industry in NSW

- We are told that we won't be a viable industry in NSW by our Management. We all should have sat and worked together. Management should always lead. If this doesn't happen any industry will fail.

(2) Financial Performance

- Our financial performances I can't really say as I am not fully aware of everything, but it isn't too good if we are in the position we are currently are in.
- Every worker in Australia has to perform and if our Management doesn't perform to our members liking they should be treated like other workers.

(3) Government Initiatives and Assistance

- Government initiatives and measures can only be spoken about by us when full assistance of NSW and other states are compared fully together at meetings and support to our industry by the Liberal Government as per Hon. George Souris MP letter dated 01/07/2013 to Mr Jai Rowell MP Member for Wollondilly. We will get no support from him. We are simply the smallest of the 3 groups aligned to the Inter Code Agreement.

(4) Prizemoney

- We never would have accepted a 99 year agreement had it gone to members.
- We cannot afford to lose any more tracks as we can't all get starts with our greyhounds. There should be more races up to 12 on all tracks. Look at the number not getting a start.

(5) Current Industry Regulation

- Only when full regulation is tabled at meetings can the effectiveness be improved.

(6) Selection of Board

- The selection of the board should be by members only as per the Government, Clubs, and Unions etc.

(7) Effectiveness and Accountability

- The effectiveness & accountability of the Board & Management should be out to meetings monthly and only then can you stay on top of issues.

(8) Capability and Performance

- In capability it seems help is required in Governance. If stronger we would not be in our viable position.

(9) Incidence of Drug Administration

- It does seem that some with money can beat a positive swab. If we have drug rules that should be it for everybody on equal terms.

(10) Welfare of Animals

- The welfare of the greyhounds I currently believe is A1.

(11) Reducing Euthanasia and Prosecutions

- As for euthanasia you need agreements with our vets and the welfare for greyhounds should be A1.

(12) Taxation Disparity

- We all know that we don't get treated equally in all States and it should be the same.

Thanking you,