

**Submission
No 1023**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Mr John Miller
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re: The Greyhound Racing in NSW
Enquiry.

Dear Sir,

I am aware that the closing date for submissions was several months ago. However, I have only just now been made aware of the existence of this enquiry.

I hope that you might still be able to accept my comments, even if only informally.

For a long time I have been deeply concerned and saddened about the fate of greyhounds considered useless to the greyhound racing industry - too slow or "poor chasers".

There is too little done to ameliorate their situation. The industry has consistently shirked its responsibility for the fate of these vulnerable, sentient creatures excess to its needs.

It seems to me that where there are financial imperatives, greed, & lack of consideration for animal welfare issues prevail.

Of concern is the effect of this treatment on all concerned - vets, vet nurses, the race going public & those who know about "what goes on". It demeans & diminishes all of us and gives rise to a kind of collective consciousness that is careless, ruthless, depressing & deeply sad.

Please make recommendations ensuring that all greyhounds are treated with respect & that "the industry" be made responsible for what it casts aside & squanders so carelessly.

I implore you.

I have a strong suspicion that in the near future, we will look back on our treatment of our fellow animals and cringe in horror. I am not alone in this.

Thankyou.

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