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## **INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW**

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I along with many other greyhound trainers/owners in the state of NSW have been disillusioned for some time re the direction our sport is taking. I have been involved in training greyhounds for approximately 20 years I along with numerous others have seen many changes but unfortunately not all for the better. Prize money in this state is well behind those of our peers in other states why is this?? is it because some incompetent people of our industry decided to sign a 99 year agreement that would hindered and not allow this industry to grow and flourish this needs to be torn up and a new one written this time with the greyhound and its trainers and owners in mind.

When I first started training there was a large number of country tracks racing, nowadays sadly the number of tracks has been slashed due to again incompetent people running our industry. Not all of us have City/Tab class greyhounds so for those not being able to travel to country tracks we would send them to the country so they could do what they love to do that is race and compete. Country owners/trainers would pickup a competitive dog for their tracks at a relative price. Most of the country tracks where run by volunteers but no someone thought otherwise and started culling. Culling is not always the answer. For those running our industry surely they are not all blind and can see racing NSW has not well for sometime now our tab tracks are constantly extending nominations week after week (Dapto ,Bulli) and our Premier track Wentworth Park extends noms for both there Friday and Saturday meetings regularly if this isn't alarm bells than I don't know what is. This submission is just a small slice of our problem there is so much to do to get our sport/industry/and for some their livelihoods back on track.