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

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Dear Director,

I am very concerned about the treatment of greyhounds in the racing industry in NSW. I have seen first hand the poor treatment of greyhounds who had been bred to race in Dubbo NSW. These animals were given small cages and only regularly allowed to run around if they were "practicing". They were provided no warmth in the colder months in temperatures that sometimes drop below zero. When signs of illness were shown they were dug a hole and shot in the head. This was a small scale operation and run by a caring catholic family who 'liked' animals. I can only imagine the horrific conditions that other small and large greyhound racing operations put dogs in. I feel that current regulations allow unacceptable abuse of these beautiful dogs.

These are the main points I believe should be considered by the Committee:

1. The need for better management of the sale and over-breeding of greyhounds.
2. The need for measures, such as financial incentives, to reduce the high numbers of greyhounds euthanased each year.
3. Allegations of the 'doping' of dogs (as I saw on ABC).
4. Concern about the welfare of animals in the industry and the conflict of interest represented by Greyhound Racing NSW's role in establishing and enforcing standards for the treatment of animals in the industry.
5. The need for prosecution where animal cruelty is found.
6. The inadequacy and questionable integrity of data collection in the industry: including the number of pups born, the number of dogs euthanased and injury rates.
7. The ongoing export of greyhounds to countries where there are no effective animal cruelty laws, like Macau.

I urge you to take these issues into account and I hope this Inquiry leads to strong recommendations which will improve the treatment of these dogs.

Sincerely,

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