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

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## Parliamentary Inquiry into Greyhound Racing

I have been involved in greyhound breeding, rearing and racing for the last 15 years and grew up as a child with my dad racing greyhounds.

I also have been on a club committee since 2008.

I feel the biggest threat to greyhound welfare is the closure of country tracks, which is a threat from GRNSW year after year.

Country tracks provide a vital venue for greyhounds not good enough for the city and tab class tracks, also the older greyhounds out of their grades and not racing well enough to compete because of their age.

Coming to the country prolongs a greyhound's racing career.

Greyhound Adoption Program

The GAP is not in any way run to its full potential

1. It is not open to participants to view or visit.

2. The acceptance time is too long [9 mths last time I enquired and that was a dog that was animal friendly]

3. No fostering [I approached an official to volunteer fostering and was never contacted]

4. Too many restrictions on the dogs [not all people wanting to adopt need cat friendly dogs]

5. Not interested in promoting G.A. [I invited GAP to a special meeting with some of their dogs, they never responded.]

Kennel Inspections

Inspections at kennels are rare, and probably need more attention.

Doping

In my opinion the doping of greyhounds must come under the welfare of banner. Penalties are not harsh enough and positive swabs are not dealt with quick enough

Frozen Semen Implants

FSI seems to be a bit of a concern to broodbitches, especially maiden bitches re. whelping and future services and seems to be a money issue more than a helpful one.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Off course more money would be a big step forward for all problems, GRNSW do not involve participants as a part of vital decisions, which I feel would be an important asset to the industry.

GAP

1. More participant involvement and openness of the rehoming program.

2. Clubs to be more involved with GAP.

3. Fostering to be put in place.

4. Ease of restrictions for dogs to be rehomed.

5. More promotion at race meetings, social media and days out with public.

Kennel inspections

More thorough inspections required to ensure the industry is in good hands.

Doping

Severe penalties for performance enhancing drugs and more expedience with enquiries.

Positive swabs published on web site with cleared swabs

Penalties eg. 1st Offence 3 Mths, 2nd Offence 12mths, 3rd Offence Life

Frozen Semen Implants

A investigation into the data on FSI re whelping problems and any other problems associated.

Other procedures not so invasive with no anaesthesia.

Regards

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