Supplementary Submission No 532a

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I have previously made a submission but have this to add. I adopted two ex -racing greyhounds and am currently fostering a third. Volunteering for a rescue group as well, I believe I am in a position to give first hand accounts of the treatment of these animals. The photo attached is of my two. My girl Poppy (the black one) is only 5 years old, but looks like she is 10 she is so grey. When adopted, we discovered she had a missing bottom canine that had been broken at some point and had not been seen to. She has trouble jumping up into the car due to some problems with her back legs. She also has had a toe amputated at some point in her life but we are not sure when. The stress this girl must have been under to have gone grey so young, and the injuries she has sustained greatly concerns me. Yet the loyalty and love she gives us despite her past is beautiful. She is one of the lucky ones. There are thousands of dogs unaccounted for by this abominable industry ,and the standards of welfare for these dogs is not good enough. I urge you, please make the greyhound racing industry accountable, and please don't let them regulate themselves. It would be like getting McDonald's to set the national dietary guidelines.

