

**Submission
No 425**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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To: Standing Committee of the Legislative Council, NSW
Re: Submission to NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Greyhound Racing

I am strongly opposed to the continuation of greyhound racing in NSW for the reasons below:

- High rates of over-breeding and large-scale killing of greyhounds
- Industry's acceptance of a high level of greyhound 'wastage'
- High rates of injuries, often fatal, sustained during racing
- Reports of the use of performance enhancing drugs on animals
- Reports of inhumane methods of killing animals
- Reports of links to organised crime
- Insufficient commitment by Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) to animal welfare
- Insufficient regulation and monitoring of animal welfare by GRNSW
- Lack of close regulation of GRNSW's Code of Practice
- Insufficient penalties awarded for breaching animal welfare standards
- Ineffective re-homing program adopted by GRNSW
- Greyhounds exported to countries with inadequate welfare regulations

Australia has an international reputation for government transparency, adherence to humane and ethical principles and low tolerance for the cruel treatment of animals. In 2013 the barbaric exploitation of animal suffering for human "entertainment" must become a thing of the past. Please register my opposition to greyhound racing in NSW.

Thank you,

Jacky Sutton